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Confident Group chairman shoots himself to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

C.J. Roy, chairman of Confident Group, a real estate firm with footprints in Bengaluru, Kerala, and Dubai, shot himself to death at his Langford Town office in the city, even as Income Tax search and seizure operations were ongoing on the premises on Friday.

Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh described it as a "self shooting incident". He said the police were informed of the incident at around 3.15 p.m.

According to the police, IT sleuths questioned Mr. Roy in the afternoon, after which he went to the adjoining room, saying he would call his mother.

Minutes later, people heard a gunshot. People in the office and IT sleuths rushed and found he had shot himself in the chest with a pistol. They rushed him to Narayana Hospital in HSR Layout, but he was declared "brought dead".

Forensic and ballistic teams of the City Police have collected evidence and recovered the pistol and CCTV footage from the office corridors apart from other evidence, sources said. Mr. Singh said the deceased's family was based out of Dubai and they would return to the city by Saturday, and a case would be booked based on their complaint.

The Income Tax Department has not made any public statement so far.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani on Ph: 104 for help.)

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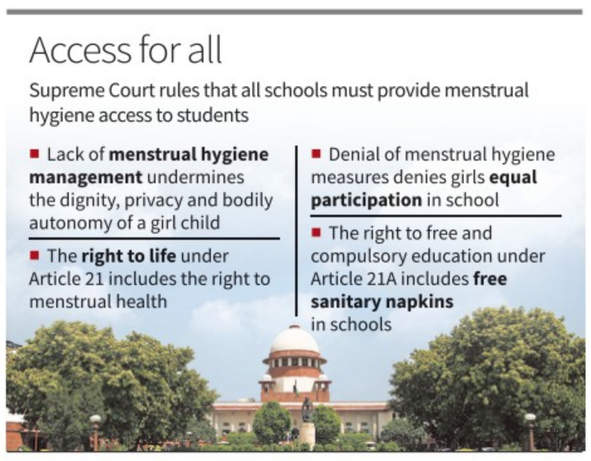
Menstrual health in schools is integral to right to life: SC

The court says lack of menstrual hygiene management in schools subjects girls to stigma and humiliation; it directs States, Union Territories to ensure access to sanitary napkins in all schools

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday declared that the right to menstrual health and access to menstrual hygiene management (MHM) measures in educational institutions is part of the fundamental right to life and dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution.

"Dignity cannot be reduced to an abstract ideal; it must find expression in conditions that enable individuals to live without humiliation, exclusion, or avoidable suffering. For menstruating girl children, the inaccessibility of MHM measures subjects them to stigma, stereotyping, and humiliation," a Bench of justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan observed in a judgment.



The absence of safe and hygienic menstrual management measures undermined dignified existence by compelling adolescent students to either resort to absenteeism or adopt unsafe practices.

"Menstrual poverty hinders girls from exercising their right to education with dignity equal to that of their male counterparts, or students who can afford sanitary products. There is no gainsaying that impairment of primary or secondary education has grave and lasting consequences," the court explained.

The judgment was based on a writ petition filed by Dr. Jaya Thakur, highlighting the lack of MHM measures in schools across the country. The court held that the lack of MHM measures in schools violates the right to privacy and bodily autonomy of students.

Issuing a series of directions, the Supreme Court ordered States and Union Territories to ensure that every school, whether government-run or privately managed, in both urban and rural areas, is provided with functional, gender-segregated toilets. These schools must make oxo-biodegradable sanitary napkins readily accessible to students free-of-cost, preferably within the toilet premises, through sanitary napkin vending machines.

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Delhi blast: terror module planned to hit coffee chain

EXCLUSIVE

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The group of doctors arrested in connection with the November 10, 2025, Red Fort car-borne suicide attack that killed over a dozen people were allegedly conspiring to bomb the outlets of a global coffee chain, whose founder is a Jew, a source in the government told *The Hindu*. The "white collar terror module" had been active for the past four years, the source said.

The three accused doctors, Muzamil Ahmad Ganaie and Adeel Ahmed Rather from Jammu and Kashmir, and Shaheen Saeed from Uttar Pradesh, have told investigators that there was a difference of opinion with Umar-Un-Nabi, the car-borne attacker who was killed in the terror attack, regarding the choice of targets. By attacking the coffee chain outlets in Delhi and other major Indian cities, the accused wanted to send a message against Israel's military action in Gaza. Some members of the group wanted to restrict the terror plot to targeting security forces in J&K, the source said.

The group wanted to revive the Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH), the Indian offshoot of the global terror outfit al-Qaeda, a senior government official said.

The AGuH was founded by Zakir Musa, who was killed in an encounter with the security forces in 2019 in south Kashmir's Tral. The accused doctors wanted to resurrect the AGuH and "establish Islamic law in the country" after the terror group's last known commander, Muzamil Ahmad Tantray, was also killed in an encounter in 2021.

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Has Man. United found its Mr. Right in Michael Carrick?

The former Red Devils midfielder has made a stunning start to life as caretaker manager, guiding the club to wins over Man. City and Arsenal. Owing to the quality of football on display and the change in mood around Old Trafford, there is already speculation over whether the 44-year-old deserves to remain in the role beyond the end of the season

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

In early January, Ruben Amorim became the sixth permanent Manchester United manager or head coach to be dismissed since the legendary Alex Ferguson retired in 2013. The sacking ended another chapter of woe for the club, which has declined since the Ferguson era.

When Michael Carrick, a vital cog during Ferguson's glory years, was appointed on a caretaker basis, he looked to have been handed a baptism of fire. The former Red Devils midfielder, who returned to Old Trafford to manage a side that had won just once in seven matches, had to face Manchester City and Arsenal in the first two games of his reign.

Memorable results

But Carrick has delivered two memorable victories over the Premier League's top two sides, sparking speculation over whether the 44-year-old deserves to remain in the role beyond the end of the season. He still has plenty to prove but could not have made a better start to his quest to bring Champions League football back to Old Trafford for the first time in three seasons.

> What happens next? I'm not going to be answering it every week. My job is to keep improving the team and not getting carried away with two massive results
> **CARRICK**

United looked transformed during a 2-0 home win over Manchester City – Carrick's first game in his second spell in temporary charge – producing a performance full of attacking verve. The victory seemed to banish the gloom at a stroke, United ripping Pep Guardiola's title contender to shreds with the sort of swashbuckling football that has been beyond it for so long.

Carrick made an excellent first impression – especially since he was up against Guardiola, an all-conquering manager considered one of the best of all time.

"The better team won. There's nothing more to say," Guardiola said. "When a team is better you have to accept it."

Carrick followed that up with a thrilling 3-2 away win over league leader Arsenal. It was United's first Premier League victory at the Emirates since 2017 and helped the Mancunian club climb to fourth on the table. Like Guardiola, Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta, too, was impressed with Carrick. "With Michael coming in, it's bringing new ideas, the intensity rises," he said.

But while the smiles are back on the faces of United fans, Carrick is focusing on the present. He is refusing to engage with questions about his future in the hot seat.

"I'm enjoying it. It's a fantastic position to be in," Carrick said. "What happens next? I'm not going to be answering it every week. From our perspective, it's just about moving forward to the next game. It's just about keeping good habits and good routines. The boys have been fantastic with that. But we can't look too far ahead. We'll finish where we finish by getting the results."

Carrick is only contracted for the remainder of 2025-26 while United weighs up its long-term plans. But he could put himself into contention for a longer deal if he carries on like this.

Both his tactics and man-management have caught the eye. One of English football's best and possibly most underappreciated midfielders in recent years, Carrick was known for his calmness, quiet authority and vision. He appears to be channelling those qualities in reformatting United, building on a simple, clear blueprint, with some bold choices thrown in.

Introducing balance

Carrick has ditched Amorim's preferred three-man defence in a switch that has allowed United to play with more balance in a nominal 4-2-3-1.

He has platformed United's best creative passer, Bruno Fernandes, in the No. 10 role, with a double pivot behind him, which includes Kobbie Mainoo. The 20-year-old Mainoo shot to prominence in 2023-24, but struggled for game time during Amorim's ill-fated 14-month spell. The Portuguese coach defied calls to play Mainoo alongside club captain Fernandes, but Carrick has the young midfielder operating with freedom and technical security.

The 44-year-old's decision to deploy defender Patrick Dorgu in a more advanced attacking role on the left has also paid off with goals against City and Arsenal.

Matheus Cunha might not have started because of Dorgu's repositioning, but has made an impact off the bench. Bryan Mbeumo, known for his penetrative movement as a wide forward, has been utilised as a roaming central striker, a move that has caused backlines all sorts of problems.

Most significantly, the players have responded to the changes. Cunha, instead of sulking at being relegated to a substitute's role, was quick to point out the difference between Amorim's gloomy reign and Carrick's upbeat presence.

"He knows the feeling, he played here so many years. He knows the feeling for Manchester, he knows the feeling for United. He knows how the fans want to feel," Cunha said. "He tried to show us every single moment, he tried to talk to us to understand moments and say, 'everyone is against us', so I think we feel more together."

Chorus of praise

Centre-back Harry Maguire added to the chorus of praise. "He's brought a fresh energy and the group has really galvanised," said Maguire.

"Two tough games and everyone probably thinks we are going to come away with not many points. But to win both is magnificent."

Carrick commended the players for buying into his vision so quickly. "The boys have been fantastic in terms of taking things on, wanting to do it and investing into it," he said.

"I give a lot of credit to the staff and the players. It is a really collective feeling. We said when we came in that we make every decision for the greater good of the football club. My job is to keep improving the team and not getting carried away with two massive results."

The mood around Old Trafford has transformed, but the larger question remains. Have co-owner Jim Ratcliffe and his army of advisers in the United hierarchy stumbled across a long-term solution or is the sudden up-tick in form just a consequence of the 'the new manager bounce'?

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> **MATHEUS CUNHA**
> United forward

United dealt with a similar situation in the recent past. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's brilliant start to his interim role as manager in 2019 earned him a three-year deal, which didn't quite work out.

Former United captains Roy Keane and Gary Neville believe the club should go for a bigger, more experienced manager than Carrick, whose only previous full-time job was a three-year stint with Championship side Middlesbrough.

Under Carrick, Middlesbrough played some attractive football, but made the playoffs just once and never earned promotion. Clearly, Ratcliffe and Co. have a tough decision to make if United continues its upswing.

Carrick's eyes, though, are already on his next assignment: Sunday's home fixture against seventh-placed Fulham, which United will start as favourite after the wins over City and Arsenal.

"We've got to ride it and use the emotion, use the energy and use the confidence," he said. "You've got to be humble enough to understand how we could achieve these two big results. It doesn't come easy, so we need to bottle it and use it again."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	22	12,050	19
2	Jannik Sinner	24	11,500	18
3	Alexander Zverev	28	5,105	24
4	Novak Djokovic	38	4,780	19
5	Lorenzo Musetti	23	4,105	23
6	Alex de Minaur	26	4,080	23
7	Ben Shelton	23	4,000	23
8	Felix Auger-Aliassime	25	3,990	27
9	Taylor Fritz	28	3,840	23
10	Alexander Bublik	28	3,065	29
11	Jack Draper	24	2,990	17
12	Daniil Medvedev	29	2,910	25
13	Casper Ruud	27	2,795	22
14	A. Davidovich Fokina	26	2,635	26
15	Andrey Rublev	28	2,600	26

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 281 ▼ 2 spots

Aryan Shah
Rank 400 ▼ 6 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	27	10,990	20
2	Iga Swiatek	24	8,328	20
3	Coco Gauff	21	6,423	20
4	Amanda Anisimova	24	6,320	21
5	Elena Rybakina	26	5,850	23
6	Jessica Pegula	31	5,453	23
7	Mirra Andreeva	18	4,731	20
8	Jasmine Paolini	30	4,267	19
9	Madison Keys	30	4,111	19
10	Belinda Bencic	28	3,512	20
11	Ekaterina Alexandrova	31	3,375	26
12	Elina Svitolina	31	2,856	17
13	Linda Noskova	21	2,641	24
14	Clara Tauson	23	2,530	24
15	Emma Navarro	24	2,515	25

Top Indians ▶

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 370 ▼ 3 spots

Shrivalli Bhamidipaty
Rank 453 ▼ 5 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	23	15	5	3	42	17	25	50
2	Man. City	23	14	4	5	47	21	26	46
3	Aston Villa	23	14	4	5	35	25	10	46
4	Man. United	23	10	8	5	41	34	7	38
5	Chelsea	23	10	7	6	39	25	14	37
6	Liverpool	23	10	6	7	35	32	3	36
7	Fulham	23	10	4	9	32	32	0	34
8	Brentford	23	10	3	10	35	32	3	33
9	Newcastle	23	9	6	8	32	29	3	33
10	Everton	23	9	6	8	25	26	-1	33
11	Sunderland	23	8	9	6	24	26	-2	33
12	Brighton	23	7	9	7	33	31	2	30
13	Bournemouth	23	7	9	7	38	43	-5	30
14	Tottenham	23	7	7	9	33	31	2	28
15	Crystal Palace	23	7	7	9	24	28	-4	28
16	Leeds United	23	6	8	9	31	38	-7	26
17	N. Forest	23	7	4	12	23	34	-11	25
18	West Ham	23	5	5	13	27	45	-18	20
19	Burnley	23	3	6	14	25	44	-19	15
20	Wolves	23	1	5	17	15	43	-28	8

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Inter Milan	22	17	1	4	50	19	31	52
2	AC Milan	22	13	8	1	35	17	18	47
3	Roma	22	14	1	7	27	13	14	43
4	Napoli	22	13	4	5	31	20	11	43
5	Juventus	22	12	6	4	35	17	18	42
6	Como	22	11	7	4	37	16	21	40
7	Atalanta	22	9	8	5	30	20	10	35
8	Bologna	22	8	6	8	32	27	5	30
9	Lazio	22	7	8	7	21	19	2	29
10	Udinese	22	8	5	9	25	34	-9	29
11	Sassuolo	22	7	5	10	24	28	-4	26
12	Cagliari	22	6	7	9	24	31	-7	25
13	Genoa	22	5	8	9	25	31	-6	23
14	Cremonese	22	5	8	9	20	29	-9	23
15	Parma	22	5	8	9	14	26	-12	23
16	Torino	22	6	5	11	21	40	-19	23
17	Lecce	22	4	6	12	13	29	-16	18
18	Fiorentina	22	3	8	11	24	34	-10	17
19	Pisa	22	1	11	10	18	37	-19	14
20	Verona	22	2	8	12	18	37	-19	14

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	21	17	1	3	57	22	35	52
2	Real Madrid	21	16	3	2	45	17	28	51
3	Atletico Madrid	21	13	5	3	38	17	21	44
4	Villarreal	20	13	2	5	37	21	16	41
5	Espanyol	21	10	4	7	25	25	0	34
6	Real Betis	21	8	8	5	34	27	7	32
7	Celta Vigo	21	8	8	5	29	23	6	32
8	Real Sociedad	21	7	6	8	29	29	0	27
9	Osasuna	21	7	4	10	24	25	-1	25
10	Girona	21	6	7	8	21	35	-14	25
11	Elche	21	5	9	7	29	29	0	24
12	Sevilla	21	7	3	11	28	33	-5	24
13	Athletic Club	21	7	3	11	20	30	-10	24
14	Valencia	21	5	8	8	22	33	-11	23
15	Alaves	21	6	4	11	18	26	-8	22
16	Rayo Vallecano	21	5	7	9	17	28	-11	22
17	Getafe	21	6	4	11	16	27	-11	22
18	Real Mallorca	21	5	6	10	24	33	-9	21
19	Levante	20	4	5	11	24	34	-10	17
20	Real Oviedo	21	2	7	12	11	34	-23	13

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	19	16	2	1	72	16	56	50
2	Dortmund	19	12	6	1	38	17	21	42
3	Hoffenheim	19	12	3	4	40	22	18	39
4	RB Leipzig	19	11	3	5	37	25	12	36
5	Stuttgart	19	11	3	5	36	26	10	36
6	Leverkusen	18	10	2	6	35	25	10	32
7	SC Freiburg	19	7	6	6	31	32	-1	27
8	E. Frankfurt	19	7	6	6	39	42	-3	27
9	Union Berlin	19	6	6	7	24	30	-6	24
10	Cologne	19	5	5	9	28	32	-4	20
11	M'gladbach	19	5	5	9	23	32	-9	20
12	Wolfsburg	19	5	4	10	28	41	-13	19
13	FC Augsburg	19	5	4	10	22	36	-14	19
14	Hamburg	18	4	6	8	17	27	-10	18
15	Werder	19	4	6	9	21	37	-16	18
16	Mainz	19	3	6	10	21	32	-11	15
17	St Pauli	19	3	5	11	17	32	-15	14
18	Heidenheim	19	3	4	12	17	42	-25	13

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	880	932
2	Harry Brook	857	898
3	Travis Head	853	884
4	Steve Smith	831	947
5	Kane Williamson	822	919
6	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
7	Temba Bavuma	775	806
8	Yashasvi Jaiswal	750	858
9	Saud Shakeel	734	787
10	Shubman Gill	730	807

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	879	908
2	Noman Ali	843	853
3	Mitchell Starc	838	852
4	Matt Henry	836	853
5	Pat Cummins	832	914
6	Marco Jansen	825	825
7	Scott Boland	820	820
8	Kagiso Rabada	807	902
9	Josh Hazlewood	775	864
10	Nathan Lyon	753	812

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Daryl Mitchell	845	845
2	Virat Kohli	795	909
3	Ibrahim Zadran	764	764
4	Rohit Sharma	757	882
5	Shubman Gill	723	847
6	Babar Azam	722	898
7	Harry Tector	708	767
8	Shai Hope	701	802
9	Charith Asalanka	672	725
10	K.L. Rahul	670	683

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	799
2	Jofra Archer	650	683
3	Keshav Maharaj	646	741
4	Bernard Scholtz	645	648
5	Adil Rashid	632	675
6	Josh Hazlewood	628	727
6	Maheesh Theekshana	628	686
8	Kuldeep Yadav	625	761
9	Abrar Ahmed	624	630
10	Mitchell Santner	617	657

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	929	931
2	Phil Salt	849	881
3	Tilak Varma	781	845
4	Jos Buttler	770	794
5	Sahibzada Farhan	763	776
6	Pathum Nissanka	758	794
7	Suryakumar Yadav	717	912
8	Travis Head	713	885
9	Mitchell Marsh	684	694
10	Tim Seifert	669	727

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Varun Chakaravarthy	787	818
2	Rashid Khan	737	828
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	702	809
4	Jacob Duffy	691	750
4	Abrar Ahmed	691	703
6	Adil Rashid	686	747
7	Mustafizur Rahman	665	718
8	Nathan Ellis	660	678
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Karnataka plans integrated Cyber Command Centre

The proposal aims to establish a dedicated unit and add more wings, such as in-house technology development, specialised units to tackle crimes against children and women, and more

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BENGALURU

Karnataka is likely to soon have a state-of-the-art Integrated Command Centre exclusively dedicated to powering the Cyber Command Unit (CCU), which houses multiple wings, including cybercrime and cyber security.

According to a Home Department source, the CCU has proposed setting up the Karnataka Cyber Command Centre (K4C), with its headquarters in Bengaluru and mini hubs in all districts.

The CCU, which was set up mid-last year, currently houses cybercrime, cyber security, and the Information Disorder Tackling Unit (IDTU). However, the CCU lacks a modern approach and the required technology to deal with the evolving cybercrime landscape. Although the CCU exists on paper, it does not yet have its own head office.

The proposal seeks to establish a dedicated unit and to add more wings, such as in-house technology development, specialised units to tackle crimes against children and women, and skilling units.

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According to sources, the project is estimated to cost around ₹400 crore and is expected to be implemented within the next three months. The project's structure is inspired by institutions such as the FBI's Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL), INTERPOL's Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI), and Singapore's CSA Labs.

The proposal follows directions from the Ministry of Home Affairs and observations made by Justice M. Nagarprasanna regarding the Cyber Command Centre (CCC), which is now CCU.

To establish the command centre, the proposal seeks the recruitment and training of specialised domain experts, the establishment of AI-powered innovation labs, and a 24x7 security and network operations centre. It also envisages an intelligence-driven hub with 176 specialists across 11 specialised verticals (see box), AI-powered case analysis systems, innovation labs, and predictive policing, empowering 270 personnel across 45 CEN stations.

Once the mini hubs are established, the Integrated Command Centre will connect all mini hubs across Karnataka for real-time case coordination and resource allocation, reducing response times to less than 14 hours.

It also proposes an international portal to facilitate partnerships with INTERPOL, the FBI, and global cybersecurity hubs, coordinated by 10 global liaison officers, to combat cross-border crimes such as ransomware and cryptocurrency scams.

With the setting up of the Cyber Command Centre, the plan envisions that by 2030, incident response times will be accelerated by 40% through AI-driven predictive policing.

The specialised verticals

- **Cybercrime Investigation Lab:** Streamline evidence collection for rapid case resolution
- **Data Analysis and Visualisation:** Leverage big data for real-time threat pattern identification
- **Cyber Forensics:** Deploy advanced tools like EnCase for digital evidence analysis
- **Financial Forensics:** Track money mules and fraud networks
- **Crypto and Blockchain:** Combat rising cryptocurrency scams
- **Engineering and Development:** Ensure scalable, resilient systems
- **Cyber Security Auditing:** Conduct regular vulnerability assessment
- **Legal:** Update frameworks for AI-driven and cross-border crimes
- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning:** Enable predictive policing and trend analysis
- **Certification:** Train 10,000+ personnel annually for expertise

UAV lands near house, police initiate probe after no one claims ownership

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Residents of Palanjogihalli near Doddaballapur, in Bengaluru Rural district of Karnataka, underwent some tense moments on Thursday after an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) landed near a house. They began to worry when no one came forward to claim the UAV. Later, police seized the UAV and sent it for forensic tests.

Central intelligence agencies were informed, and some officials visited the spot for an inspection.

A senior police officer overseeing the developments told *The Hindu* that the UAV is a white remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) fitted with a 360-degree high-definition camera. "No explosives or suspicious material were found attached to or concealed in the RPA. However, it had a bundle of wiring and small electronic components. So, it has been sent for a forensic examination," the officer said.

The incident

According to the officer, the UAV flew in and landed near a house on 10th Cross in a residential stretch near Palanjogihalli around 1.30 p.m. Residents saw the UAV land, but did not attempt to pick it up or inspect it.

About an hour later, when no one came looking for the UAV, residents grew suspicious, as the RPA was fitted with a camera. Subsequently, they called the police helpline.

The Doddaballapur Rural Police arrived and took the UAV to the police station. When a senior police officer saw the UAV, the bomb disposal squad and Central intelligence agencies were alerted.

However, nothing suspicious was found in the UAV. The senior officer said the UAV's frame was made of styrofoam and measured 4.3 feet vertically and 7 feet horizontally. "There are multiple defence technology companies in the city, and one of them usually tests its products nearby. This UAV appears to be their product, and we have summoned them for questioning," the officer said.

A case has been registered, and an investigation has been launched.

18th annual My City Traffic Police Day celebrated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Children's Movement for Civic Awareness (CMCA), supported by the GoZe Foundation, celebrated the 18th annual My City Traffic Police Day at the Traffic Police Park, St. Mark's Road.

The event honoured Bengaluru's traffic police for their tireless service in keeping the city safe and moving. Over 40 traffic police personnel and 60-70 students from 15 schools participated, with children expressing gratitude through handmade cards, flowers, songs, and poems.

Senior police officers, including Karthik Reddy and Anoop A. Shetty were present.

NCB busts clandestine drug manufacturing lab in Mysuru

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) said it busted a major inter-State drug trafficking syndicate and clandestine drug manufacturing laboratory in Mysuru.

The NCB's statement, made on Friday, comes amid denials by the Mysuru City Police and Home Minister G. Parameshwara that the search operations carried out at a phenyl manufacturing unit in Hebbal industrial area in Mysuru did not yield any contraband or materials used in the manufacture of narcotic drugs.

However, the NCB said the search on the premises in Mysuru had revealed a "full-fledged clandestine laboratory with sophisticated instruments for manufacture of drugs."

The NCB has linked the laboratory to the recovery of 35 kg of Mephedrone (MD) from an SUV bearing a Karnataka registration number.

The lab has also been linked to the seizure of 1.8 kg of opium, cash amounting to ₹25.6 lakh, and various chemicals from the house of Mahindra Kumar Vishnoi, the alleged mastermind of the drug network, in Dastan Residency, Palsana.

Three persons, including Vishnoi, who were transporting the MD for further distribution in Rajasthan, have been arrested.

Drugs valued at about ₹10 crore in the street market, along with the cash worth ₹25.6 lakh, the SUV, and various chemicals weighing more than 500 kg have been seized in the case so far.

Woman suffers severe injuries after pet dog attack; owner booked

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A woman sustained severe injuries after allegedly being attacked by a pet dog during her morning walk in Teachers Colony, HSR Layout, on January 26, Monday. The incident occurred around 6 a.m. on 13th Cross Road.

According to the FIR registered at the HSR Layout Police Station, the victim, Shalini Dubey, was mauled by a dog owned by a resident, Amaresh Reddy.

Injuries suffered

The complaint, filed by the victim's husband, stated that the dog attacked with such force that Shalini was knocked to the ground. She suffered bite injuries to her face, hands, and legs, resulting in heavy blood loss.

The attack was captured on the CCTV camera installed at the victim's house. In the footage, an unleased Great Dane is seen charging towards the woman. As she fell, the dog started biting her head and neck.

Delayed FIR

The family prioritised medical treatment, due to which there was a two-day delay in lodging the police complaint. The FIR was formally registered on the evening of January 28, Wednesday.

Police have booked the dog owner under Sections 117(3), 125, and 291 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

The complainant alleged that although Reddy was holding the dog at the time of the incident, he failed to restrain it, amounting to negligent conduct.

The victim is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital. Further investigation is underway.

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Tender Notification
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors & willing to Pre qualify in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Name of the work : Development of Sites and Services Scheme at Block-11A in Suryanagar Phase 4 at Kadujakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District (Extent 14 Acre 10 Gunta). **Work Indent No.**KHB/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 695 & IFT No.141/2025-26 Date: 27.01.2026. **Amont put to tender:** Rs. 10,88,32,693/-.

Last date for submission of bid: 04.02.2026 upto 4.00 PM

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/ 5304/AKAR/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (Central), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-560009.

Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
(WWM-TV)	BWSSB/EE(WWM)TV/PB/2094/2025-26 Date: 30.01.2026	Rs.97.79 Lakh / Rs.1.96 Lakh	07.02.2026 upto 4:00 PM	09.02.2026 at 4.10 PM

Sd/- Executive Engineer (WWM-TV)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the abovesigned office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/5314/SSC/2025-26

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ
ಮುಕ್ತ ಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು-570006

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕರಾಮುವಿ/ಯುಇಡಿ/FDC/SST/135/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.01.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ)

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ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು **KPPP** ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು **kppp karnataka.gov.in** ಈ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಆಯಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಮುಕ್ತಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking),Sankaramangalam,Kollam 691583
Phone : 0476-2651215 to 217, E-Mail :md@kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

Sl No	Tender Id	Items
1	2026_KMML_830919_1	Fabrication & supply of Bottom Shell Segment for Chlorinator
2	2026_KMML_831829_1	Girth gear assembly for Digester and Calciner Cooler
3	2026_KMML_830944_1	Fabrication & supply of Heavy End Reboiler

Chavara 31.01.2026

Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

GOVT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE - DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II /BENGALURU
Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

PROCLAMATION OF SALE-CUM E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(Issued under Rule 52(2) of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act Act. 1961 read with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act. 1993 (as amended from time to time)
RC NO.1622/2019 in O.A. NO.1004/2018

Between: Union Bank of India,
(Erstwhile Corporation Branch)
(Channapatna Branch) ..... Certificate Holder
Bank
V/s
Smt Usha & Others ..... Certified Debtors
To, **1. Smt Usha V,**
W/o Hemanth Kumar, No. 16, Prajrythi Nilaya, Appagere, S.A. Road, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District - 571501,
2. Sri Hemanth Kumar
S/o Javaraiah, No. 16, Prajrythi Nilaya Appagere, S.A. Road, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District – 571501,
3. Sri N Kiran Kumar
S/o T Narayana, Appagere Village Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District – 571501
.... Certified Debtors

Whereas a **Recovery Certificate No.1622/2019** was issued by the **Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bengaluru** under section 19 (22) of the Recovery of Due and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (Amendment from time to time) in **O.A.No.1004/2018** between **Union Bank of India (Channapatna Branch) Vs Smt Usha & Others**, which was forwarded to the undersigned authority for execution. **2.** Whereas the undersigned authority initiated execution proceedings in **RC No. 1622/2019** for Recovery of **Rs.22,97,318.00 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousands Three Hundred and Eighteen Only)** along with costs, expenses and interest as stated in the Recovery Certificate from the CDs, from the date of filing of O.A, till the date of final realization. **3.** Whereas **dues payable by CDs as on 31.05.2025 is Rs.36,77,833/-(Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousands Eight Hundred and Thirty Three Only)** excluding costs and interest, and expenses incurred / to be incurred in the recovery proceeding with further interest payable as per RC till realization. **4.** Whereas the undersigned authority ordered sale of schedule attached property of certificate debtor/s mentioned hereunder in satisfaction of Recovery Certificate by adopting "Online e-auction sale" through the website of the service provider. **5.** The schedule attached property will be sold on **"As is Where is" and "As is What is" and "No Complaint basis"** by 'Online e-Auction' through the Service Provider M/s Foreclosure India, e-mail Id: info@bankauctions.in & karnataka@bankauctions.in. The details of date of auction, last date for submission of Bid forms, Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit, Bid Increase Amount and time of auction are mentioned here under against schedule property:-

AUCTION SCHEDULE

Date and Time of Auction: 18.03.2026 between 11.00 AM and 12.30 PM
Last Date and Time for online Bids / Tender submission: 16.03.2026 by 04.00 PM
Last Date and Time for Hard Copy of Auction tender submission.: 17.03.2026 by 4.00 PM
Reserve Price: Rs. 47,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs. 4,70,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Thousand only)
Bid Increment Amount: Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: - (Mortgaged by CD2 Kiran Kumar) All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Khaneshumari No. 512/23/5, Situated at Appagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District Measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 37.5 Feet in Total Measuring 1875 Sq Feet. Bounded on - East by: Road, West by: Applicants Remaining Property, North by: House of K S Ramesh Kumar, South by: Property of Shwetha W/o Nandish.
Intending participants/bidders are advised to contact service provider M/s Foreclosure India, e-mail Id: info@bankauctions.in and website: www.bankauctions.in, Contact person: Mr. Varun – 8142000809, Mr. Jayaprakash Reddy – 8142000066, for detailed terms and conditions of sale, for online registration, user ID, Password, help, to know the procedure, online training about e-auction etc for submitting their bid forms and for taking part in e-auction sale proceedings.
For further details, Contact:
Ms. Sharon C Nelson, Senior Manager, Channapatna Branch – 9744880055 (email Id: ubin0910821@unionbankofindia.bank.in)
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 06th January 2026.

Date : 06-01-2026 **RECOVERY OFFICER - II**
Place : Bengaluru **DRT – 2, BENGALURU**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

E-Tender Notice 26-CWS-MYSS-2025-26 Dated: 24-01-2026

Description of work	Approx. Value
Set of Holder & Trolley for replacing the LHB front part of under frame (Qty 02 Sets)	Rs. 38,41,954.70

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 16-02-2026**

E-Tender Notice 25-CWS-MYSS-2025-26 Dated: 27-01-2026

Description of work	Approx. Value
ICF Coaches Axle Box Cleaning and Axle Box Painting.	Rs. 11,42,198.72

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:30 Hrs. on 17-02-2026**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Workshop Manager/Central Workshop/Mysuru
PUB/853/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar - 841221

E-Tender Notice No. 10/RWP/Engg//2025-26/WT/(Open) Date 29.01.2026. The Dy.CE/RWP/Bela for and on behalf of the President of India, invites Online "e-Open Tender" through Indian Railways E-Procurement Portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in** for the following works as detailed:- **(1) Name of the work and Location, Approximate cost, Earnest money and Completion period of the work:**TenderNo.-17_RWP_Engg_25_26_WT_Open. Name of Work:- Zone-01: Balance all maintenance work within the plant premises like main plant, shop floor, electric sub-station, canteen, STP, RT shop, main toilet, Engg. office, PCS, Met lab, main store etc. P.E. 30.06.2026. Approximate cost- Rs. 59,91,990/-. Tender form Cost- Nil. Earnest money- Rs. 1,19,800/-. Completion period of the work-30.06.2026 **(2) Tender closing date and time:** 19.02.2026 upto 14:30 Hrs. **(3) Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be obtained and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.:** The above tender can be submitted only by the date and time as mentioned in the notice. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit Portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in.** The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS Portal (**www.ireps.gov.in**) for updates including Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such any notice/information concerned that shall be published in newspaper. **Dy. Chief Engineer**
Rail Wheel Plant, Bela
RWP/CPRO/ADVT/2025-26/103

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

E-Tender Notice No.Y-E-29-2025-26-83 Dated: 22-01-2026

Description of work	Approx. Value
Outsourcing of OHE and PSI maintenance activities in the newly electrified Sakleshpur - Yedamangala Section under Sakleshpur and Subrahmanya Road Depots for a period of two years.	Rs. 4,26,74,869.42

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 13-02-2026**

E-Tender Notice No.Y-E-29-2025-26-84 Dated: 23-01-2026

Description of work	Approx. Value
Provision of Standard Cantilever Arrangement on Platforms in Mysuru and Chitradurga Depots jurisdiction.	Rs. 49,60,941.92

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 16-02-2026**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
PUB/851/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **TRD / Mysuru**

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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INDIAN RAILWAYS
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the South Western Railway, that the 25000 Volts, 50 Hz., AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date, the overhead traction line shall be treated as **LIVE** at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Date of Energization
Electrification of 25 KV. 50 Hz, AC, Single Phase-Overhead Equipment for Road No. 4 (Goods Line) in Hosur (HSRA) Station under Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway.	15-02-2026

No. E/GSU/SBC/E-Gazette
Date :14-01-2026
Place : Bengaluru PUB/846/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer
Gati Shakti Unit, Bengaluru

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I, ASIF F Shariff Shaikh @ S Asifulla Shariff S/o Late Fakruddin Shariff & Late Maqbool Unnisa R/at No.131, 8th Main, Kempe Gowda Nagara, Tumkur Road, T Dasarahalli, N H - 4, Bengaluru - 560057 state that in Aadhaar No.742721190068 my name is mentioned as Asif F Shariff Shaikh and in some documents my name is metioned as S Asifulla Shariff, I state that Asif F Shariff Shaikh and S Asifulla Shariff belongs to the same person that is myself only, vide affidavit dated 30.01.2026 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhara, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RITIKA THIMMAPPA BENGARE W/o Akshat Mohandas Uchil R/o–7015 G Floor Prestige Sunrise Park Norwood Neotown Road Fire Station Electronic City Bengaluru Karnataka–560100 changed my name to RITIKA AKSHAT UCHIL.

I, SYED ASLAM SHA MAQSOOD S/o Syed Abdul Quayam R/o No–9/27 1stFloor 18th Cross 19th Main J P Nagar 5th Phase Bangalore South J P Nagar Bengaluru Karnataka–560078 changed the name of my minor Daughter SYEDA ALIZA ASLAM to SYEDA SIDRA ASLAM aged 5 Years.

I, Abhijeet Srivastva S/o Shyam Kumar Srivastava, R/o SDA Apartment, Balagere Road Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560087, confirm that Abhijeet Srivastva and Abhijeet Srivastava refer to the same person. Henceforth, I shall be known as Abhijeet Srivastva for all purposes vide affidavit dated 29/01/2026 sworn before Notary at Bengaluru.

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I, SANJAY Kumar Inspector of Income Tax Department have lost my Department ID Card bearing ID No. KAR/INV/000000175 on 21.09.2024 in / around BMTC Bus Stop Koramangala 6th Block Bengaluru. Employee ID no 183572, registered police complaint no.1256701/2024 dtd 24.09.2024. Finders please contact Sanjay Kumar 9015490033

I, HITESH Kumar Tax Assistance of Income Tax Department have lost my Department ID Card bearing ID No. KAR/GEN/000003888 on 21.07.2025 in / around BMTC Bus Stop Koramangala 6th Block Bengaluru. Employee ID no 199898, registered police complaint no.1724379/2025 dtd 28.07.2025. Finders please contact Hitesh Kumar 9812021330

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H.M.O.P.NO.319/2021
Shanmugapriya
- Petitioner
Vs
A.Manohar, S/o.Aswathappa, No.74, Allurduddanahalli Village Post, Devana Halli Taulk, Bangaluru, Karnataka - 562110.
-Respondent
Court Notice
Whereas,the above named petitioner who is your wife has instituted the above noted suit against you under section 13(I) (i-a) (i-b) of Hindu marriage act for Decree of Divorce. But in spite sending notice by registered post as well as by Court you have failed to appear before the court to answer the claim of the petitioner.
You are hereby directed to appear before the court on 18.02.2025 at 10.30 a.m. personally to answer the claim of the petitioner falling of which the case will be heard and decided in your absence in accordance with law.
K.Jeevanandham,
Advocate, Trichy

Regular Appeal .No. 27/2024
IN THE COURT OF IIIRD ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC DHARWAD, AT:DHARWAD
APPELLANTS: Sri.Nagesh S/o Vithoba Shet **V/s**
RESPONDENTS : Sri. Dhruvaraj G Gurlhosur & others
U/O 5 RULE 20 (1A) C.P.C
To Respondent No.
(1) Sri.Dhruvaraj S/o Guracharya Gurlhosur **(2)** Smt.Padmavati W/o Venkatesh Gurlhosur **(3)** Prakash S/o Venkatesh Gurlhosur **(4)** Pranesh S/o Venkatesh Gurlhosur **(5)** Pratibha D/o Venkatesh Gurlhosur
Take notice that, the appellant has filed this appeal aggrieved by the judgment and decree passed in O.S.No:586/2010 passed by the IInd Addl.Civil Judge and JMFC, Dharwad dated 17/02/2024. Now the appeal is posted on 17/02/2026 for your appearance. Hence, you are hereby directed to appear on the said date at 10.30 a.m. before this Court either in person or through an Advocate duly instructed and authorized to answer the petition, failing which, the case will be decided Ex-parte in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 27/01/2026.
By the order of Court
SHERISTEDAR
Prl.Senior Civil Judge, Dharwad
SD/- Advocate for Appellants

It's not very nice to change the country you represent

Khademalsharieh was forced to leave Iran after playing in the 2022 World Rapid and Blitz Championships without wearing a headscarf. She talks about her courageous decision, her life in Spain, the quality of chess in both countries, her experience of competing in the Global Chess League, and dealing with her son's cheeky Spanish

INTERVIEW

Sarasadat Khademalsharieh

P.K. Ajith Kumar

As Sarasadat Khademalsharieh sat down for our interview by the poolside at Trident Hotel on that pleasant morning in Mumbai, a gentle breeze made her dark hair flutter. She had earned that freedom – not to have her hair covered – at a heavy price. She lost her nationality.

Sara Khadem – she is better known these days by that shorter version of her name – no longer represents Iran in international chess tournaments. She plays for Spain. After competing in the World Rapid and Blitz Championships in Kazakhstan in 2022 without wearing a headscarf – it was one of the boldest moves ever by a Woman Grandmaster – a warrant for her arrest was issued in Iran. She was given nationality by Spain, where she has been living for the last three years.

> Iran is a big country with a really big history in chess; it is one of the countries that promoted chess to the other side of the world

The first time Sara came to India, she had made headlines. She finished runner-up at the World Junior Championship in Pune in 2014. Four years later, she finished second at the World Rapid and Blitz Championships, performing much better than her seeding in both tournaments. Excerpts from the interview in Mumbai, where she played for PBG Alaskan Knights in the third edition of the Global Chess League:

How do you look back at that decision not to wear a headscarf for the World Rapid and Blitz Championships at Almaty? You must have been upset by the death of Mahsa Amini in police custody in Iran.

I was. I think everyone in Iran was upset. Before that, I always had this sort of mixed feeling about this whole thing. But after it happened, many of my friends were going to protest in the street, which was very risky. That was the time I just had my son. And I was in Tehran with my husband and my son, who was very little, maybe six months old.

Many of my friends were part of the protest in their own ways. I felt they were taking really serious risks. When I got invited to this tournament in Kazakhstan, I didn't want to go there just to make a move [on the board]. I told my husband, 'If I go there, it doesn't feel right if I go the same way, wearing the scarf, and I know that I have the chance not to wear it.' But I didn't want to go to the tournament to make a scene there.

Was that the first time you were not wearing a headscarf publicly?

Publicly, in an official event, yes, I suppose.

Now reports from Iran suggest that many women do not wear headscarves.

All the girls, they stopped doing that. And they [authorities] cannot control it any more. But the problem in Iran is not only the scarves. There are so many of them.

You are now playing for Spain. Alireza Firouzja, easily the greatest player Iran has ever produced and who Magnus Carlsen said he was keen to play a World title match against, is playing for France...

I was very disappointed when he decided to play for France, but not with his decision. I even remember I gave an interview which got me into lots of trouble at that time. Even when he was younger, when I was having some interviews, I would always say: 'Let us not talk about myself, but talk about him because he is such a great talent'. Even when he was a kid, it was very obvious that he was going to be such a great player. Then, nobody really cared about him.

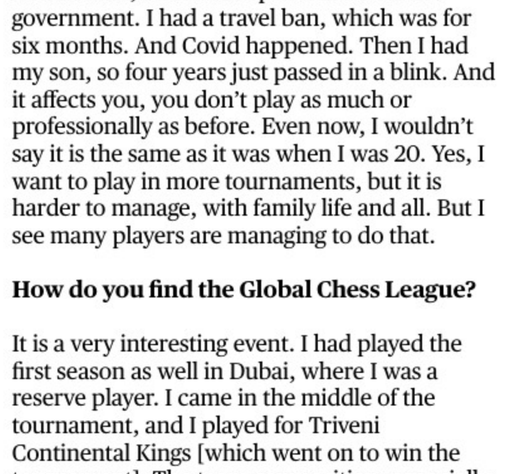
The first medal that he got at the Grand Prix was under the FIDE flag, because in that tournament, none of the Iranian players got permission to play. He was already living in France at that time. Then I also changed my federation. It's not very nice to change the country you represent. Earlier, I thought maybe something would change. Then later I realised, nothing was going to change. I kept on saying that 'If they don't change, some other top players also could leave'.

> I am glad my son is picking up Spanish from school. The other day he told me, 'Quita mama'. I asked one of my friends what it meant, and she was laughing. What my son told me was: 'Get lost mummy'

Iran has produced so many quality players...

Iran is a big country with a really big history in chess; it is one of the countries that promoted chess to the other side of the world. When I started playing we already had good players, like Ehsan Ghaem-Maghami and Atousa Pourkashiyan. They were all doing well in Asian tournaments. When we get a really good player, the others also get motivated and they train a lot. And at some point, we had really good coaches. Our federation had more money earlier and the government was more supportive. So we had lots of players. And I think the outcome was this whole generation. But they stopped that.

FIDE



You at one stage had a rating of close to 2500 Elo points.

At that time, I had some problems with the government. I had a travel ban, which was for six months. And Covid happened. Then I had my son, so four years just passed in a blink. And it affects you, you don't play as much or professionally as before. Even now, I wouldn't say it is the same as it was when I was 20. Yes, I want to play in more tournaments, but it is harder to manage, with family life and all. But I see many players are managing to do that.

How do you find the Global Chess League?

It is a very interesting event. I had played the first season as well in Dubai, where I was a reserve player. I came in the middle of the tournament, and I played for Triveni Continental Kings [which went on to win the tournament]. The team composition, especially having the junior players along with men and women, and the time control make it more fun to watch.

You have won the Spanish women's championship. What is the state of women's chess in Spain?

It is strong, we have a good team. We finished fourth at the last Olympiad; we tied for third place, in fact [USA claimed bronze with the best tie-breaker].

How do you find life in Spain?

The people are very welcoming. You know I really like Iran too, to be fair, but I would say with a little kid, I prefer living in Spain.

Do you speak Spanish now?

I understand quite a bit, but where I live, it is very touristy. So I think to learn Spanish, you need to put in some serious time. I am glad my son is picking up Spanish from school. Sometimes when he speaks, he says some Spanish words. The other day he told me, 'Quita mama'. I asked one of my friends what those words meant, and she was laughing. What my son told me was: 'Get lost mummy'.

GAME THEORY

LaLiga: goals vs. expected goals

Kylian Mbappe leads LaLiga's scoring charts so far this season and is overperforming his expected goals (xG), which, roughly put, means he has scored more goals than expected based on the type of shot opportunities he has had. Among the top five, only Robert Lewandowski is underperforming his xG. A look at the top goal-scorers in Spain's premier division in 2025-26 and the margin between their tallies and the xG they have generated (xGDiff):

Player	Club	Games	Goals	xG	xGDiff
Kylian Mbappe	Real Madrid	20	21	18.58	2.42
Vedat Muriqi	Mallorca	20	14	12.35	1.65
Ferran Torres	Barcelona	19	11	9.91	1.09
Ante Budimir	Osasuna	20	9	8.97	0.03
Robert Lewandowski	Barcelona	16	9	10.09	-1.09
Alberto Moleiro	Villarreal	20	8	4.18	3.82
Borja Iglesias	Celta Vigo	19	8	7.02	0.98
Cucho Hernandez	Real Betis	19	8	7.61	0.39
Lamine Yamal	Barcelona	17	8	6.96	1.04
Mikel Oyarzabal	Real Sociedad	18	8	9.37	-1.37
Raphinha	Barcelona	13	8	5.73	2.27
Alexander Sorloth	Atletico	20	7	5.91	1.09
Hugo Duro	Valencia	20	7	5.88	1.12
Julian Alvarez	Atletico	21	7	7.35	-0.35
Vladyslav Vanat	Girona	18	7	6.13	0.87

Ante Budimir

Robert Lewandowski

Kylian Mbappe

Vedat Muriqi

Ferran Torres

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GETTY IMAGES

Hello, Earthlings!

In aerial skiing, athletes launch themselves off a ramp, known as a kicker, and perform skill-based tricks before landing. It's a form of freestyle skiing or ski acrobatics. Skiers travel down a slope to generate momentum for take-off. They can choose from a selection of kickers, varying in height and inclination, depending on the type of jump they wish to perform.

The tricks typically include multiple twists and flips. The jumps are scored based on the quality of the jump, the skier's form in the air, and the landing, with the degree of difficulty factored into the final rating.

The skis used in aerials — as seen in this photograph from the FIS Freestyle World Cup at Lake Placid, New York — are shorter, and lighter, than other skis. This offers jumpers better control.

The sport, which developed from stunt skiing in the early 1900s, is contested at the Freestyle World Ski Championships and the Winter Olympics.

In summer, aerialists train with water ramps, landing in a swimming pool, as well as with trampolines, on which they can perfect their tricks.

'Roy sought time to talk to mother, shot himself in room'

Roy's wife, son and daughter, based in Dubai, are expected to reach Bengaluru on Saturday

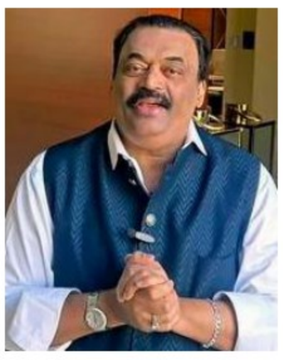
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

C.J. Roy, founder and chairman of Confident Group, based out of Dubai, was in his hometown Bengaluru on a business visit when Income Tax sleuths raided his Group. While the raids had been on since Wednesday, Mr. Roy reached his Langford Town office on Friday afternoon. It was even while the raid was under way that he allegedly shot himself and died.

There is no clarity whether he was summoned by the IT sleuths.

His brother Babu C.J., speaking to media persons, said when he spoke to Mr. Roy on Friday around 11 a.m., he was in his office and "sounded normal".

A senior police officer part of the probe said that as per their preliminary


C. J. Roy

probe, the IT sleuths questioned Mr. Roy in the afternoon, after which he reportedly asked permission to make a phone call and talk to his mother. She stayed in Koramangala, where Mr. Roy was building a bungalow for himself, sources said.

Mr. Roy went into an adjoining room, from where he usually officiated as the Honorary Consul for the Slovak Republic for Karnataka and Kerala. Minutes later, people in the office heard a gunshot, sources said. Mr. Roy had shot himself in his chest with a pistol and was found lying in a pool of blood, sources said.

There is no clarity yet on how many rounds were fired and whether the firearm was licensed. Senior police officials said that the weapon would be subjected to a ballistic examination, and only that report would throw more light on the same. However, his brother Mr. Babu said that Roy had bought a pistol 20 years ago for self-protection and was licensed.

Congress leader Mohammed Nalpad, one of the first to reach Narayana Hospital, HSR Layout, where Mr. Roy was taken, described him as a "father figure". "He was such a confident man, inspiring others, including me. I am shocked that he took his life," he said. "His family, consisting of his wife, son and daughter, are based in Dubai and will reach the city by Saturday," the Congress leader said.

Brother blames IT raids

Mr. Roy's brother Mr. Babu said his brother shared everything with him and they spoke every day.

"There were no problems in the business. There was pressure from the Income Tax raids, which may have pushed him to take the extreme step," he said.

"IT sleuths came to my house as well on January 22 and asked for a lot of documents, which I gave. But the raids put my brother under stress. But when I spoke to him at 11 a.m., Friday morning, he sounded normal. I don't know what they asked him and what pushed him over the brink," Mr. Babu said.

Confident Group was one of the first to move into Sarjapur

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BENGALURU

Confident Group started as a real estate firm in 2006 in Bengaluru and has a wide footprint in Bengaluru, Kerala, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The group has completed over 210 residential, commercial, and resort projects across the three markets in its two decades of business. The Group claimed to have served over 2.31 lakh customers.

The group's chairman, C.J. Roy, is credited with being one of the first movers into Sarjapur on the southeastern periphery of the city and turning it into a thriving real estate market.

Before the boom in the area, the group had acquired a land bank of over 300 acres. According to the Group's website, it has to date built 28 residential

Police officers at the Confident Pentagon building on Langford Road in Bengaluru on Friday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

projects and has nine upcoming projects in the Sarjapur area alone, where they run a school. They have developed two commercial properties in the Sarjapur area. It has developed several projects in the South Eastern periphery of the city, including Electronics City and Attibele. The group had now shifted its focus to North Bengaluru, where they had multiple projects in Devanahalli and Yelahanka, among other areas.

The group has till now completed 46 apartments, and 11 are upcoming in Bengaluru. The group has also developed 11 commercial properties, two resorts, and a golf course in Bangarpet. Sources said that the group had acquired land for developing another golf course and villa project in Bagepalli as well.

Projects in Kerala

Confident Group had a larger footprint in Kerala, where they have developed a total of 76 projects across Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Kozhikode and Kottayam.

The group had recently expanded to Dubai, where they have developed five projects.

Mr. Roy and his family had, in fact, shifted base to Dubai and were staying there. Mr. Roy used to make brief visits to Bengaluru and Kerala on business trips, sources said.

The Confident Group had recently diversified into infrastructure, retail, entertainment and hospitality.

Roy and his love for Rolls Royce

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BENGALURU

C.J. Roy, 57, chairman of real estate firm Confident Group, who was found dead at his Langford Town bungalow on Friday, was known for leading a lavish life, marked by a special love for luxury cars.

His Instagram account, Dr. Roy Chiriankandath Joseph, in which he describes himself as a "public figure, Hon. Consul, Slovak Republic, founder and chairman, Confident Group, real estate developer, film producer, Intl Sports Sponsor(sic)," was hugely popular with 1.3 million followers. His posts were often in Kannada and Malayalam, reflecting his roots as a Kerala native who grew up in Bengaluru.

The Embassy of the Slovak Republic in New Delhi lists Mr. Roy as the Honorary Consul for Karnataka and Kerala. It was in this office that he allegedly killed himself. The Confident Group's website describes him as a "Doctorate in Business Administration from SBS Business School, Zurich, Switzerland." It states that after working with major corporations and Fortune 100 International Companies, he ventured out into construction and

C. J. Roy with one of his Rolls Royce cars. FILE PHOTO

real estate business.

It lists out his "pioneering concepts" in his two-decades of business experience in the Civil Industry in Bengaluru, stating he was perhaps "the first to design and implement the 4 Side ventilation concept" and in "concrete roads for the townships, which has today become a standard in every township."

Love for luxury cars

Luxury cars make up for a large part of his Instagram posts, with his love for Rolls Royce reflecting in a November 2025 post: "My 12th Rolls Royce... 1st one bought in 2008, 12th Rolls in my life. Many stayed... some moved on after glorious service".

The same month, he shared a story about his first car, a red Maruti 800, for which he offered ₹10 lakh to those who found it. "This Maruti 800, I bought in 1994 with my own earnings when I was 25 years old. I bought it for ₹1.10 lakhs... the same amount of money in 1994 would have got me 2 acres of land in Sarjapur! Today, the 2 acres of land in Sarjapur will be worth over ₹20 crores (sic)," he said in the post, adding that the moral of the story is to buy a car, but also buy a small piece of land as it becomes family wealth.

Tryst with films

Mr. Roy was a film producer, with his latest Malayalam production, *Anomie,* hitting the screens on February 6. His other productions include *Identity, Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea* and *Mei Hoom Moosa*.

He had rewarded Bigg Boss Kannada winner Hanumantha with ₹50 lakh.

Scholarships

Mr. Roy had announced scholarships for students. Last year, he had pledged ₹1 crore to support 201 students studying in schools in Karnataka and Kerala and going to classes 8, 9 and 10.

The Embassy of the Slovak Republic in New Delhi lists Mr. Roy as the Honorary Consul for Karnataka and Kerala

News of Roy's death sends shock waves in Kerala

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The news of the alleged suicide of prominent builder C.J. Roy has sent shock waves across Kerala, particularly in Kochi, where Confident Group has delivered numerous residential projects.

His death coincides with the 20th anniversary of Confident Group. The news has left the company's staff at its Kochi headquarters devastated.

Reportedly, Mr. Roy founded Confident Group after a failed partnership with another construction company in Kerala. His rise was almost meteoric since he established Confident Group in 2006, at a time when the world was grappling with a near economic recession.

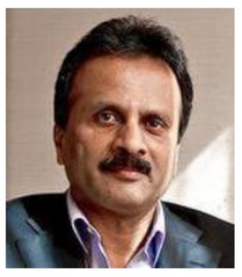
He soon became a showman of sorts, turning the company into a household name by sponsoring several popular television shows and producing or co-producing multiple films. Beyond real estate, Mr. Roy invested in sports, hospitality, entertainment, education, aviation, and international trade.

Although his family originally hailed from Chavakkad in Thrissur district in Kerala, Mr. Roy was born and raised in Bengaluru and completed his education abroad. His wife, Lini Roy, and children Rohit Roy and Riya Roy serve as directors of the company, with Mr. Rohit overseeing operations in Dubai.

CCD founder too blamed 'harassment' by I-T Dept. for ending life

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The death of C.J. Roy, allegedly following raids by the Income Tax Department in Bengaluru on January 30, is not the first such case in Karnataka. Cafe Coffee Day founder chairman and managing director V.G. Siddhartha, the son-in-law of former Karnataka Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, too, had allegedly ended his life in 2019, leaving behind a letter blaming his "financial troubles" and harassment by the Income Tax Department for "succumbing to the situation".


V.G. Siddhartha

The Income Tax Department had raided Mr. Siddhartha and his firms multiple times in 2018 and 2019.

"Under pressure from a private equity partner to buy back shares", Siddhartha said in a purported letter he left behind before ending his life, adding, "there was a lot of harassment by the previous DG of Income Tax in the form of attaching our shares on two separate occasions. This was very unfair and has led to a serious liquidity crunch".

Congress, then in the Opposition in Karnataka, had blamed "tax terror" under the BJP regime at the Centre, which they alleged was leading to the "decline of India's entrepreneurial position".

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Allow free access through Somanahalli toll plaza for residents' vehicles: High Court directs NHAI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Declaring that operationalising a plaza within 10 km from municipal limits is contrary to law, the High Court of Karnataka has directed the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to issue free resident passes, without levy of any toll or user fee, to residents, subject to verification of their residency, enabling them unrestricted use of Somanahlli toll plaza on Bengaluru-Kanakapura stretch of National Highway (NH)-209.

30-day deadline

The court issued a deadline of 30 days for the NHAI to complete the exercise of verification of residency and issuance of free passes to the residents for access to their residences, agricultural lands, workplaces and essential services

The NHAI should forthwith cease collection of toll at the Somanahalli toll plaza and remove and relocate it to a location in conformity with Rule 8 of the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, that is beyond 10 km from city limits, if it cannot complete within 30 days the process of issuance of passes for locals, who apply for it, and verification of their residency.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj issued the directions while partly allowing petitions filed by Manjesh Kumar and other residents of Somanahalli, Nelaguli, and Kaggalipura village panchayats, situated on the Bengaluru-Kanakapura national highway.

Now in GBA limits

Rejecting NHAI's contention that locals can take monthly passes at concessional rate as location of Somanahalli toll plaza was outside the city limit when it was proposed and constructed, but it came within the city limit after creation of Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), the court said levy of toll without providing a service route or an alternate route is arbitrary and unreasonable, violating Article 14, 19 (1)(d) and Article 21 of the Constitution.

"The authorities have chosen the most onerous course for the citizens: they have neither provided a service road nor an alternate road; they have declined to implement a Closed User Fee Collection (CUFC) system; and yet they insist upon toll collection, effectively compelling residents to pay for every act of daily existence. This court is unable to countenance such an abdication of responsibility," the court observed.

Stating that toll collection without installation of the CUFC system violates Rule 8(3), the court said that "the CUFC system is not a gratuitous concession."

Car not a luxury

Though no toll is levied on two-wheelers, three-wheelers, tractors, and animal-drawn vehicles, the court said the use of cars by locals can no more be treated as a luxury by pointing out that people use cars to access essential services on a daily basis.

Imposing toll, even on a concession rate for people residing in the villages and habitations around the toll plaza, on cars too would cause a financial burden on residents, the court said.

Timings
BENGALURU

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RISE 06:46	SET 18:20
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RISE 18:54	SET 07:00

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
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Mysuru	30	15
Bengaluru	28	16

Bengaluru Today
30°C The weather will be dry. Day will be slight warm. Night will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be cool.

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State clears inclusion of ART procedures under Arogya Karnataka scheme

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The State government has approved the inclusion of select Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) procedures under the AB-PMJAY-Chief Minister's Arogya Karnataka (ArK) scheme, on a pilot basis, for Priority Household (PHH) card holders.

As per a Government Order dated January 30, it covers In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) / Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) with Embryo Transfer (ET), and Frozen Embryo Transfer (FET). The package rates will be fixed by the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Expert Committee. The decision follows a proposal submitted to address the gap in accessing advanced infertility treatment, particularly for economically vulnerable couples.

Eligibility

The benefit will be available as a one-time support for eligible couples, with coverage for a maximum of three ART cycles in a lifetime, with each FET counted as a cycle.

Eligibility is restricted to married couples who are residents of Karnataka and hold PHH cards, with no living biological child. Applicants must have clinically established infertility supported by diagnostic documentation, a medical indication for ART as per ICMR guidelines, and evidence of failure of conventional treatments such as ovulation induction and intrauterine insemination (IUI). Both partners must be above 21 years and below 55 years of age, in accordance with the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021.

The scheme will be implemented initially for one year in government tertiary care centres. The approved package rates are ₹1.20 lakh for one IVF/ICSI-ET cycle without embryo freezing; ₹1.30 lakh for one IVF/ICSI-ET cycle with embryo freezing and ₹35,000 per FET cycle.

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Sl.No	Name of work	E.M.D in Rs
1.	Construction of New Taluk Operational Godown of 6000 MT capacity (2x3000M.T) in Survey No.417/43 to an extent of 1.66.50 Hectare in Pattinamkathan Village in Ramanathapuram Taluk and District.	6,70,000.00

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Date of Opening of Online tender :- **12.02.2026** at **11.30 A.M.**
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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2,
No.39, Shanthi Gruha, Bharath Scouts & Guides Building, 4th Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No: Bengaluru/SLAO-2/931/2025-26 Date:27.01.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Government has issued Preliminary Notification as per No.: CI 118 SPQ 2025 Dated 09-10-2025, as per State Gazette Publication dated 14.10.2025, under K.I.A.D. Act 1966 Sec 28(1) for acquiring total 506-33 A/G, Kharabu 168-31 A/G, Remaining 338-02 A/G of lands for Industrial Development in Kondareddypalli and Kothakote Villages, Kasaba Hobli, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District. Notice will be issued to the concerned Khatedars as per Sec 28(2).

Even then Khatedars/Anubhavadhars who have not received the Notice or other Interested persons, if they have any objections related to the Acquisition of these lands, it is informed that objections should be submitted in writing with appropriate documents either in person or through a person authorised on their behalf within 30 days to Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer -2, No. 39, Shanti Gruha, Bharat Scouts and Guides Building, 4th Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560001. Failing which it will be considered that there are no objections to the Land Acquisition Process and further action will be taken as per law.

Details of Survey Numbers of lands being acquired

Sl. No.	Name of Khatedars /Anubhavdar	Survey No.	Acquisition Area		
			Ainu A-G	Kharabu A-G	Remaining A-G
1	2	3	4	5	6
Village: Kothakote Hobli: Kasaba Taluk: Bagepalli District: Chikkaballapura					
1.	Narayanappa, Nanjappa S/o Narayanappa, Adinarayanappa, Nanjappa, Krishnappa, Jayaramappa, Ashwathappa S/o Adeppa, Among Ramakka W/o Rarakoorappa, Above Joint, Narayanappa S/o Kunti Narayanappa, Nanjappa S/o Ramappa Among R. Muralikrishna S/o A. Ramaiah, Lakshmidevi D/o Venkatarayappa, Devaraju S/o Ramappa, R. Raghavendra S/o A. Ramaiah, B.R. Anusuya W/o Late A. Ramaiah, Sarkari Gomala, Baddi Narasimhappa S/o Venkatappa, Chikkavenkatramappa S/o Akalaramanna, T. Rangappa S/o Thimmaiah, H.R. Subbareddy S/o Late Ramireddy, Venkataravanamma W/o Anjinappa, S.N. Subbareddy S/o S. Nanjundappa Urf Nanjundareddy, Abhishek S. S/o S.N. Subbareddy, Venkataravanamma W/o Late Venkataravanappa, Amrutha S. D/o Subbareddy S.N.	116	98-16	98-16	-
2.	Sarkari Beelu, Gangamma W/o Venkataramappa, Munivenkatamma W/o Venkatrayappa, Venkataswamy S/o Rangappa, R. Sakthurappa S/o Rangappa, Venkataramappa S/o Rangappa, Venkatalakshmamma W/o Late Chikka Anjanappa, Chikkanarayanappa S/o Yarraballi Gangappa, Radhamma W/o Late Gangadhara	117/1A	21-13	3-38	17-15
3.	Srirama S/o Nanjundappa	117/1B	3-00	-	3-00
4.	Narayanaswamy S/o Naneppa Among	117/1C	1-02	0-02	1-00
5.	Balarama P.N. S/o Mallela Narayanappa	117/1D	0-20	-	0-20
6.	Nanjundappa S/o Bavanna	117/1AB	2-00	-	2-00
7.	Chaithra S.V. W/o V. Suresh	117/2	1-39	0-01	1-38
8.	P.N. Krishnappa S/o Mallela Narayanappa	117/3	1-22	0-02	1-20
9.	Lakshmidevamma W/o Ramakrishnappa Among	117/4	1-02	0-02	1-00
10.	Akara Kanda Banjaru, Venkatalakshmamma W/o Marasanapalli Narasimhappa	118/1A	27-04	5-20	21-24
11.	Dasappa S/o Banthala Chinnanarasimhappa	118/1B	4-00	0-05	3-35
12.	Yashodhamma	118/1C	4-07	0-07	4-00
13.	N.S. Chalapathi S/o Late Subbachari - Bhoo Pa	118/2	3-08	0-28	2-20
14.	Hanumanthappa S/o Kondappa, Nanjappa S/o Pu Venkatrayappa Among	118/3	2-39	-	2-39
15.	N.Krishnappa S/o Late Narayanappa	118/3	2-20	-	2-20
16.	N. Adinarayanappa S/o Narayanappa	118/4	2-20	-	2-20
17.	Adinarayanappa S/o Late Chikkarangappa Urf Rangappa	118/5	2-00	-	2-00
18.	Sarkari Kharab	119/1	16-07	8-00	8-07
19.	Venkateshappa V. S/o Venkatarayappa	119/2	4-00	-	4-00
20.	Eshwarappa S/o Late Gopanna, Lakshmipathy S/o Late Gopanna	119/3	1-00	-	1-00
21.	Adeppa S/o Narayanappa, Venkatalakshmamma W/o Muniswamappa Among	119/4	4-00	-	4-00
22.	Lakshmipathy S/o Late Gopanna	119/5	0-20	-	0-20
23.	Harinatha Reddy S/o Late Venkataramanappa	119/6	1-00	-	1-00
24.	Anjinappa S/o Hanumanthappa	119/7	0-20	-	0-20
25.	Srinivasa S/o Hanumanthappa	119/8	0-20	-	0-20
26.	Eshwarappa S/o Late Gopanna	119/9	0-20	-	0-20
27.	Sarkari Banjaru, Baddi Narasimhappa S/o Venkatappa, Nagamma W/o Late Rangappa	120	22-06	4-25	17-21
28.	T. Srinivasa S/o Thimmappa	121/1	0-00.08	-	0-00.08
29.	N.A.K.	121/2	5-16	1-13	4-03
30.	Lakshmidevamma D/o Venkataramudu	121/3	2-33	2-06	0-27
31.	N.A.K.	121/4	1-24	0-24	1-00
32.	N.A.K.	121/5	7-11	2-31	4-20
33.	Sarkari	121/6	1-38.08	-	1-38.08
34.	N. Anjinappa S/o Gangannagari Narayanappa	121/7	5-00	0-20	4-20
35.	N.A.K.	121/8	1-27	0-05	1-22
36.	B. Narasimhamurthy S/o Adimurthy	122/1	2-04	0-04	2-00
37.	Anjanappa S/o Venkatravanappa, Lakshmamma W/o Lakshmanna Above Joint, Bavanna S/o Rangappa, Gu. Narayanappa S/o Rangappa, Mangamma W/o Adimurthy Above Joint, Ademma W/o Adimurthy, Krishnappa S/o Venkatanarasappa, Narasamma W/o Gangappa, Gopanna S/o Venkatappa, Above Joint, Govindappa S/o Muneppa, Narasimhappa S/o Akkalappa, Original Khatedar	122/1A	31-29	-	31-29
38.	Narasimhappa S/o Akkalappagari Narasimhappa, Venkataramappa S/o Pulagante Anjinappa	122/2	4-20	0-34	3-26
39.	Eshwarappa S/o Late Gopanna, Lakshmipathy S/o Late Gopanna	122/3	3-00	0-20	2-20
40.	D.R. Suresh S/o D.S. Ramachandraiah	122/4	0-32	0-02	0-30
41.	Harinatha Reddy S/o Late Venkataramanappa	122/5	2-00	0-20	1-20
42.	Adinarayanappa S/o Adimurthy	122/6	2-04	0-04	2-00
43.	K.A. Krishnamurthy S/o Adimurthy	122/7	2-04	0-04	2-00
44.	Akkalappa S/o Late Narasimhappa	122/8	2-24.08	0-24.08	2-00
45.	Krishnappa S/o Venkatanarasappa	122/9	3-07	0-19	2-28
46.	B.A. Anil Kumar S/o K.R. Anjanappa	122/10	5-19	2-19	3-00
47.	Confisicated by Government	122/11	3-12	0-12	3-00
48.	P. Narasimhamurthy S/o Bavanna @ Peddabavaiah	122/12	1-21	0-21	1-00
49.	Ramakrishnamma W/o Late Venkataravanappa	122/13	1-22	0-02	1-20
50.	Rathnamma W/o Govindappa	122/14	1-22	0-02	1-20
51.	N.K. Shivanna S/o Late Narasapuram Krishnappa	122/15	2-13	0-04	2-09
52.	T.N. Papanna S/o Late Narasimhappa	122/16	2-24.08	0-24.08	2-00
53.	Narasimhappa S/o Late Narasimhappa	122/17	2-25	0-25	2-00
54.	S.N. Subbareddy S/o Late S. Nanjundareddy Urf S. Nanjundappa - Bhoo Pa	138/1	1-19	0-04	1-15
55.	S.N. Subbareddy S/o S. Nanjundappa Urf S. Nanjundareddy - Bhoo Pa	138/2	0-21	0-01	0-20
56.	Manjunathareddy S/o S. Venkatareddy	139	2-33	0-05	2-28
57.	A. Ashwathappa S/o Late Adeppa @ Adimurthy	140/1	0-13.08	-	0-13.08
58.	A. Nanjappa S/o Late Adeppa @ Adimurthy	140/2	0-13.08	-	0-13.08
59.	Nanjappa S/o Narayanappa	140/3	0-21.08	-	0-21.08
60.	N. Narayanappa S/o Narayanappa	140/4	0-26.08	-	0-26.08
61.	N. Narayanappa S/o Narayanappa	140/5	0-05	-	0-05
62.	B.R. Anusuya W/o Late A. Ramaiah	144	2-00	0-10	1-30
63.	Harinatha Reddy S/o Late Venkataramanappa, V. Adinarayana S/o Above Joint	156	1-00	-	1-00
64.	S.N. Subbareddy S/o S. Nanjundappa @ S. Nanjundareddy - Bhoo Pa	157	0-30	-	0-30
65.	Ashwathappa S/o Venkatrayappa	158/1	1-00	-	1-00
66.	S.N. Subbareddy S/o S. Nanjundappa @ S. Nanjundareddy - Bhoo Pa	158/2	1-00	-	1-00
67.	Harinatha Reddy S/o Late Venkataramanappa, V. Adinarayana S/o Venkatarayappa Above Joint	160	2-33	-	2-33
68.	Venkatarathnamma W/o N. Narayanappa	161/1	0-17	-	0-17
69.	N. Nanjappa S/o Narayanappa	161/2	0-08	-	0-08
70.	A. Nanjappa S/o Late Adeppa @ Adimurthy	162/1	0-27.08	-	0-27.08
71.	A. Ashwathappa S/o Late Adeppa @ Adimurthy, A. Jayaramappa S/o Late Adeppa Urf Adimurthy Above Joint	162/2	0-27.08	-	0-27.08
72.	A. Ashwathappa S/o Late Adeppa @ Adimurthy, A. Jayaramappa S/o Late Adeppa Urf Adimurthy Above Joint	162/3	0-05	-	0-05
73.	Anjinappa S/o Hanumanthappa	163	1-10	-	1-10
74.	Amrutha S. D/o S.N. Subbareddy - Bhoo Pa	164	1-10	-	1-10
75.	Anjinappa S/o Hanumanthappa, Srinivasa S/o Hanumanthappa	165	1-23	-	1-23
76.	Anjinappa S/o Hanumanthappa	170	1-17	-	1-17
77.	S.N. Subbareddy S/o S. Nanjundappa @ S. Nanjundareddy - Bhoo Pa	173	3-00	-	3-00
78.	S.N. Subbareddy S/o S. Nanjundappa @ S. Nanjundareddy - Bhoo Pa	174	3-00	-	3-00
	Total		**359-19**	**137-26**	**221-33**
Village: Kondareddypalli Hobli: Kasaba Taluk: Bagepalli District: Chikkaballapura					
1.	Anjinappa S/o Narasappa, M. Adinarayanappa S/o Late Mallappa, Narasimhappa S/o Adimurthy, Narasimhappa S/o Subbarayappa, Tahsildhar - on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Narasimhappa S/o Late Bavanna, Mallappa S/o Narasappa, Thimmakka W/o Late Balappa	47	11-38	0-14	11-24
2.	Zubeida Bhanu W/o Late Syed Ali Uzam, Syed Rafi Uzama S/o Late Syed Khaleel Jama Above Joint	48/1	4-22	0-33	3-29
3.	Chikkappaiah S/o Late Subbarayappa	48/2A	3-12	0-20	2-32
4.	Nagaraja S/o Narasimhappa	48/2B	0-38	0-04	0-34
5.	Narayanaswamy S/o Narasimhappa	48/3	1-03	0-08	0-35
6.	K.R. Subbarayappa S/o Late K.S. Ramaiah, K.R. Adinarayanaswamy S/o Late K.S. Ramaiah Above Joint	58/1	2-02	0-09	1-33
7.	Ashwathanarayanappa S/o Avulakondappa	58/2	1-00	0-03	0-37
8.	A. Lakshmipathy S/o Dodda Avulakondappa	58/3	2-04	0-03	2-01
9.	K.R. Subbarayappa S/o Late K.S. Ramaiah, K.R. Adinarayanaswamy S/o Late K.S. Ramaiah Above Joint	58/4	0-16	-	0-16
10.	Ashwathanarayanappa S/o Avulakondappa, Original Khatedar, A. Lakshmipathy S/o Dodda Avulakondappa	59	4-18	1-00	3-18
11.	Bavanna S/o Namakondla Avulappa	60/1	1-30	-	1-30
12.	Narasamma D/o Late K.S. Ramaiah	61/1	0-10	-	0-10
13.	Kiran Kumar B. S/o Late Babanna	61/2	1-20	0-01	1-19
14.	Narasimhamurthy S/o Late Subbarayappa	61/3	0-24	-	0-24
15.	Venkatesh S. S/o Srinivasa	61/4	0-25	-	0-25
16.	Rajashekarappa	62/1	0-01	-	0-01
17.	Kiran Kumar B. S/o Late Babanna	62/2	3-13	0-04	3-09
18.	Bavanna S/o Namakondla Avulappa	62/3	0-29	-	0-29
19.	Zubeida Bhanu W/o Late Syed Ali Uzam, Syed Rafi Uzama S/o Late Syed Khaleel Jama Above Joint	63/1	3-24	-	3-24
20.	Zubeida Bhanu W/o Late Syed Ali Uzam, Syed Rafi Uzama S/o Late Syed Khaleel Jama Above Joint	63/2	3-22	0-04	3-18
21.	Venkatanarasamma W/o Adimurthy	65/1	3-17	0-20	2-37
22.	Sri D.N. Nagaraja S/o Narayanaswamy	65/2	0-18	-	0-18
23.	Kondappa S/o Adeppa	65/3	0-03	-	0-03
24.	Bhagyamma D/o T. Narasimhappa	65/4	1-22	-	1-22
25.	Kondappa S/o Adeppa	65/5	0-00.08	-	0-00.08
26.	A. Ananda S/o Adimurthy, Rathnamma D/o Avulakondappa	65/6	3-07	1-00	2-07
27.	Land Donated for School	65/7	0-26.08	-	0-26.08
28.	Abdul Sattar S/o Late Syed Jalal Saab	66/1	2-26.08	-	2-26.08
29.	Subbalakshmamma W/o S. Gundurao - Bhoo Pa	66/2	5-17	2-30	2-27
30.	Subbalakshmamma W/o S. Gundurao - Bhoo Pa	66/3	2-26.08	-	2-26.08
31.	Lakshmaiah S/o Late Avulappa	67/1	1-00	-	1-00
32.	Nagaraja S/o Late Chikka Narasappa	67/2	5-00	1-00	4-00
33.	Lakshmaiah S/o Late Avulappa	67/3	2-22	1-22	1-00
34.	Abdul Sattar S/o Late Syed Jalal Saab	67/4	1-00	-	1-00
35.	Sri Waseem S/o babu	67/5	1-00	-	1-00
36.	Namakondla Nagappa S/o Avulappa	68/1	6-00	0-05	5-35
37.	Sarkari Banjaru	68/2	1-25	0-33	0-32
38.	Nagaraja S/o Late D. Narasareddy	69/1	1-30.08	0-11	1-19.08
39.	Zubeida Bhanu W/o Late Syed Ali Uzam, Syed Rafi Uzama S/o Late Syed Khaleel Jama Above Joint	69/2	1-33.08	0-14	1-19.08
40.	Sarkari Kharab, Narayanappa S/o adimurthy	70	2-22	-	2-22
41.	Nasu Adeppa S/o Rayanna Anjinamma W/o Ramappa	71/1	4-05	-	4-05
42.	Anjinamma W/o Peddanarasappa	71/2A	3-20	0-10	3-10
43.	Sarkari Beelu	71/2B	0-24	0-07	0-17
44.	P.D. Srinivasa S/o Dadeppa, P.D. Ramesha S/o Dadeppa, P.D. Rajagopal S/o Dadeppa, P.D. Shivashankara S/o Dadeppa Above Joint	71/2C	4-00	1-10	2-30
45.	Sarkari Gomala, R. Manjunatha S/o Ramappa, Narayanamma W/o Kotapanna, Thulasamma W/o Nanjundappa, Krishnappa S/o Narayanappa, Srinivasa S/o Lare Venkataravanappa, Radhamma W/o Late Narayanappa, Balarama P.N. S/o Late Narayanappa, P.N. Krishnappa S/o Late Narayanappa Above Joint, Radhamma W/o Late Narayanappa, Balarama P.N. S/o Late Narayanappa, P.N. Krishnappa S/o Late Narayanappa Above Joint	72	27-15	16-17	10-38
46.	Muddappa S/o Narasappa, lakshmanna S/o Adeppa, Gowramma W/o Muddappa, Adilakshmamma W/o Late Ashwathappa	219	4-00	0-37	3-03
47.	Sakari Beelu	229	0-22	-	0-22
48.	P.D. Srinivasa S/o Dadeppa, P.D. Ramesha S/o Dadeppa, P.D. Rajagopal S/o Dadeppa, P.D. Shivashankara S/o Dadeppa Above Joint	230	4-00	-	4-00
49.	Mohammed Nazir S/o Late Fakruddin Saab	231	4-00	-	4-00
50.	Chandra S/o K. Chaluvaiah	256/1	0-31	0-01	0-30
51.	K. Chaluvaiah S/o Kalaiah	256/2	0-25	0-01	0-24
52.	C. Devaraju S/o K. Chaluvaiah	256/3	0-32	0-02	0-30
53.	C. Srinivasa S/o K. Chaluvaiah	256/4	0-32	0-02	0-30
	Total		**147-14**	**31-05**	**116-09**

Abstract

Sl. No	Name of the Village	Area		
		Ainu A–G	Kharab A–G	Remaining A–G
1	Kothakote	359-19	137-26	221-33
2	Kondareddypalli	147-14	31-05	116-09
	Total	**506-33**	**168-31**	**338-02**

It is hereby informed to the Khathedars/ Anubhavadars/ Interested persons of the above mentioned Lands that under Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act 1966 Section 28 (2) Information Notices were issued to the Notified Khathedars/ Anubhavadars and sent by Registered Post. Addresses of some of the Land Owners were not found and the postal department has sent back the envelopes with remarks to this Office. Khathedars/ Anubhavadars of the above mentioned Lands should consider this Notification as Information Notice under Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act 1966 Section 28 (2).

It is hereby informed that if there are any objections to this Land Acquisition Process, **within 30 days** from the date of publication in State Gazette, objections should be submitted in writing, in person or through authorized person with necessary documents to this office. It is brought to the knowledge of the public that objections received after the time period will not be considered. The enquiry of the above mentioned villages has been fixed on dates mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Taluk	Name of the Village	Gazette Sl. No. From - To	Survey No. From - To	Date & Time of Enquiry
1	Bagepalli	Kothakote	1 to 78	116 to 174	10.02.2026 at 11.00 hrs
2		Kondareddypalli	1 to 53	47 to 256/4	

Submissions should be made on the above mentioned dates with Documents in writing or in person.

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, KIADB, Bengaluru.
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Hon'ble Minister for Public Works Dept. and Tourism, Govt. of Kerala

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Welcome Address by Suresh Nambath, Editor, The Hindu
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11:00 am - 11:50 am
What Makes Tourism Truly Inclusive
Akash Hingorani & Keshav Suri
in conversation with Soma Basu

11:50 am - 12:40 pm
Kerala's Responsible Tourism Legacy
Rupeshkumar K, Mini Sukumar & Soity Banerjee
in conversation with S Anandan

12:40 pm - 1:10 pm
Accessible and Inclusive Reflections (AIR) from Global Best Practices for Tourism
Presentation by Gaurav Raheja

1:10 pm - 2:10 pm
Lunch

2:10 pm - 3:00 pm
Voices from the Road: Lived Realities of Diverse Travellers
Joby Mathew, Divyanshu Ganatra & Ekta Bhyan
in conversation with Vijaya Kumar K C

3:00 pm - 3:20 pm
The Role of Industries in Advancing Inclusive and Accessible Tourism in Kerala
Special Address by Shri P Rajeev, Hon'ble Minister for Law and Industries, Govt of Kerala

3:20 pm - 4:10 pm
Integrated Inclusive Tourism: Economic Impact, Community Participation and Policy Synergy
Mini Sukumar & D Dhanuraj
in conversation with Vijaya Kumar K C

4:10 pm - 5:00 pm
Accessibility First: Designing Tourism without Barriers (A Broader View on Accessibility)
Priyanjali Prabhakaran, K J Sohan & Kavita Murugkar
in conversation with S Anandan

5:00 pm - 5:40 pm
Integrating Accessibility and Inclusion into Sustainable Tourism: Challenges, Gaps, and the Way Forward
Neha Arora in conversation with Soma Basu

5:40 pm - 6:30 pm
Designing Accessible Spaces: Infrastructure, Transport and Public Areas
Manoj Kumar Kini, Biju Kuriakose & Sheetal Uday Harpale
in conversation with Vijaya Kumar K C

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Shinkari Melam by Team Poombatta
Performance by Kerala's first inclusive percussion ensemble

DAY 2 — February 1, 2026

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Inaugural Address by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala
Keynote Address by N Ram, Director, The Hindu Group

12:30 pm - 1:20 pm
Vision Kerala for All: Shaping the Future of Kerala Tourism
Suman Billa IAS & Biju K IAS
in conversation with S Anandan

1:20 pm - 2:20 pm
Lunch

2:20 pm - 3:00 pm
Seeing Travel Differently: Navigating the World without Sight
Tiffany Brar in conversation with Vijaya Kumar K C

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Accessibility Isn't Charity, It's India's USD 1 Trillion GDP Booster
Presentation by Sminu Jindal

3:30 pm - 4:20 pm
Gender Inclusivity at the Heart of Tourism
Sikha Surendran IAS, Dr Peeja Rajan, Monolita Chatterjee & Soity Banerjee
in conversation with Saraswathy Nagarajan

4:20 pm - 4:50 pm
Inclusive Tourism through a Neurodiverse Lens
Presentation by Najmul Melath & Sivadas A K

4:50 pm - 5:40 pm
International Spotlight: How Leading Countries Built Accessible Tourism Circuits
Chironjit Ganguly & Priyantha Peiris
in conversation with Varghese K George

5:40 pm - 6:30 pm
Digital and Tech Innovation in Inclusive and Accessible Tourism
Anoop Ambika, Saidarshan Bhagat & Robin Tommy
in conversation with Soma Basu

6:30 pm - 7:20 pm
Accessible Hospitality: Rethinking Hotels, Resorts and Public Venues
Ganga Dileep, Jose Dominic & Dileep Kumar P I
in conversation with Saraswathy Nagarajan

*Schedule subject to change

Knowledge Partner: Svayam Celebrating Accessibility

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

FOREST DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (THROUGH ONLINE ONLY)

Tender ID : 2026_TNFD_649067_1

Ref.No.6543/2022/D, Dated: 30.01.2026

On behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the District Forest Officer, Chennai Forest Division, Chennai is hereby inviting item wise rate quoted sealed tender (Through Online only) **before 5.00 pm on 06.02.2026** for taking up the works of **Fencing by Construction of See Through Barrier along the boundary of Pallikaranai Marsh Land during 2025-26**.

The bidders can download the details of works, approximate value, EMD amount, Tender documents from the Government website **http://www.tender.tn.gov.in** from **31.01.2026 at 11.00 am** onwards. Corrigendum if any, will be published in the above said Government website only.

District Forest Officer,
Chennai Forest Division

DIPR / **605** / Tender / 2026

Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited

Request for Proposal (RfP)

RfP No. 06/CE/RFP/TGIIC/2025-26, Dt: 29.01.2026.

Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TGIIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana for development of industrial infrastructure in the State, "Selection of Project Advisory Consultant Service for Establishment of Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics facility in Image Tower at Hyderabad Knowledge City, Raidurgam, Hyderabad, Telangana(3rd Call)."

The Request for Proposal (RfP) document can be downloaded from **www.tgiic.telangana.gov.in** from Date: **29-01-2026.**

Last date for submission of Proposals: Date: **09-02-2026, 15:00Hrs** (IST).

Sd/-Chief Enginer-I
"Parishrama Bhavan", 6th Floor, 5-9-58/B, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad-500004, Telangana Ph: 23237625, Fax: 040- 23240205, Email: ce-iic@telangana.gov.in

DIPR R.O.No.1112-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26, Dt:30.01.2026

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/Tr (OP)ZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/8867 Dated:30.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against Enquiry No:KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/868 Dated:29.01.2026 **for Refilling, painting, stickering and pressure testing of various types of fire extinguishers of various capacities at varuious sus-stations of Operations Division, Hootagalli coming under Transmission (Operations) Zone, Mysuru.** The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 31.01.2026.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.,) Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007

MAHANAGARA PALIKE, KALABURAGI

Ph.:08472/278675, Fax: 08472/260776, E-mail:itstaff_ulb_gulbarga@yahoo.com

No: KMP/EE/TS-02/ 15th FC/SBM 2.0 & ULB Share/2025-26 Date :30.01.2026.

KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL TENDER NOTIFICATIONNO: /2025-26

1) Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi invites 12 tenders as per KTPP Act, 1999 and Rules, 2000 through KPPP Portal 2.0 for works in KW- 1&3 Tender bid documents under 15th FC 2025-26, 15th FC 2023-24 C.O.W & SBM 2.0 & ULB Share Grant for 15 Days Tender.

The bid documents can download from KPPP Portal website and any information related to these tenders will be updated on www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in, 2) Estimate Sanction cost: **lowest amount Rs. 1.85 lakhs & Highest amount Rs. 77.80 lakhs.** 3) EMD Value: Lowest Rs. 3,900.00 & Highest Rs. 1,23,400.00, 4) Pre Bid Meeting date:**16.02.2026 upto 11-00 am**. 4) Last date of Bid Submission: **16.02.2026 upto 4-30 pm**. 5) Technical Bid Opening date: **17.02.2026 upto 4-35 pm.** 6) Financial Bid Opening date: **18.02.2026 after 11:30 am.** 7) Office Address : Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi.8) For more details visit Office Website http://www.kalaburagicity.mrc.gov.in/

Note: All subsequent corrigendum/amendment shall be published only on website and not in press. Hence, tenderers are advoised to always be in touch with our said website until the tender is finally opened.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1030/KSMC&A/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, Zone-1, RR Nagara Zone, BBMP Office Building, CA No.3, 1st Main Road, Outer Ring Road, Kommaghatta Road, Kengeri Upanagara, Bengaluru - 560060.

No: EE/KEN/TEND/07/2025-26 Date: 30-01-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, R.R. Nagara Zone, Zone-1, BWCC, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of Work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
	TWO COVER SYSTEM - (CALL-1)
1	Comprehensive Development of Roads and Drains at Jattigarapalya, Srinivasapura Colony, Ganakallu and Hemmigepura Colony in Ward No. 33, Hemmigepur. **Approximated Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 500.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 7,50,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 4.00 PM on 02-02-2026. 2)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting on **04-02-2026 at 3.00 PM in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Ideal Homes, Rajarajeshwarinagara Zone, Bengaluru - 560098. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **10-02-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Bids: **11-02-2026 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Kengeri Division, Zone-1, BWCC.

BENGALURU-MYSURU INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY

No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009. Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No:BMICAPA/CLU-03/101/2024-25/2487 Date: 30-01-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Smt. Chandrakala W/o. H.D. Chikkeregowda has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Agriculture"** Zone to **"Residential"** purpose pertaining to Sy.No: **147/9** extent of 0 Acre - 03.04 Guntas, of Hampapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961 (Intention to build own residential building). He foresaid land are reserved for **Agriculture Zone** in Approved Master Plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1) At the time of Construction of Building, there will be job opportunities to Labourers.
2) By Development of Building the Government will get taxes in various forms.

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his / her objection to **Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru** in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from this notice. Any objections received after stipulated time will not be considered.

DIPR/CP/5311/Adverto/2025-26

Sd/- Member Secretary,
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru.

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 13.02.2026 upto 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Annual layout maintenance Block-2,3,6,7,8 & 9 of Suryanagar Phase-III, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru for the year 2026-27. **Work Indent No:** KHB/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 700 & IFT No.144/2025-26 Date: 28.01.2026. **Amont put to tender:** Rs. 2,01,28,136/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/5308/AKAR/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

NOTICE OF INVITING TENDER

DRM (S&T)/ North Western Railway /Jaipur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-Tenders from registered tenderer/bidders for the following work **E-Tender Notice No. SNT-JP-32-2025-26 Date: As Signed 1.Name of work with its location :** Telecom Work in connection with Provision of Lifts at NSG-5 Category Stations. (KKU-2, GTJT-2, SMPR-2, DNK-2, RNW-2 & DKBJ -2) (Total -12 Lift at 6 Stations) & Provision of 2nd class waiting Room facility with all facility including toilet and bathing facility (Separate for ladies) Size 36 SQM at SMPR, GTJT, NWH, SRGH & RNW and 25 SQM at PLSN, DOB & RSH stations Provision of Waiting Hall cum ticketing hall size 25 SQM at BOTI station and 10 SQM at various halt stations. **2. Tender Value (Rs.)** : Rs. 8929082.20/- **3. Bid Security (Rs.)** : Rs. 178600.00/- **4. Tender submission & closing Date & Time on website** : 23.02.2026, up to 15.00 hrs. **5. Website Particulars & Notice board location** : www.ireps.gov.in, DRM office/NWR/ Jaipur. **151-DR/26**

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Command Area Development Authority
CAUVERY BASIN PROJECT-MYSURU

O/o Executive Enngineer, No.02 Division, CADA, CBP Vijayanagara 1" Stage, Mysuru-17

Ph. No: 0821-2414090, email-eecada2mysore@gmail.com

No: EE/CADA2/Mys/T-25/2025-26 **Date:** 29.01.2026

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP Portal only)

On behalf of the Administrator, CADA, CBP, Mysore. The Executive Engineer, CADA No.2 Division, CBP, Mysuru has invited tender in Two Tender Document system for **01 Atchkat Road work in Ramanagara District** as per Standard Tender Document KW-3 from eligible tenderers through KPPP Portal. Interested bidders may access bidding documents from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during working hours. The tenderers can download the tender documents from 30.01.2026. The last date for Tender Queries and Clarifications (Through KPPP-Portal) is **04.02.2026 upto 4:00 PM**. The last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid is **06.02.2026 upto 4:00 PM**. Date of opening of Technical Bid is **07.02.2026 at 4:30 PM** onwards and Financial Bid will be opened after obtaining approval of Technical Bid from competent Authority. For more Condition & details Visit the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Note: If there are any corrections/ modifications, it will be published only through KPPP Portal.

DIPR/BSD/602/SA/2025-26

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
No.02 Division, CADA, CBP, Mysuru.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BENGALURU

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(See Sec.25 and Sec 29 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 read with Section 48 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

RC No. 222/2023 IN Case No. OA No.1030/2021

State Bank of India, RASMEC Hosur Branch, at Sri Vaari Building, Plot No. 2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase -1 Zuzuvadi, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635126. **....Certificate Holder/ Applicant**

V/s

Sri Karthick Chandra M. C. S/o. Chandra M., Residing at No. 33, 8th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Krishna Nagar K. R. puram, Bengaluru - 560 036. **....Certificate Debtor**

Whereas, Sri Karthick Chandra M. C. (CD) was ordered by the Recovery Certificate No. 222/2023 of this Tribunal passed on the day of 31.01.2023 in OA No. 1030/2021 to pay to the State Bank of India (Applicant Bank/FI) the sum as noted below, and whereas the said has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details
Prinicipal Interest as on 21.08.2025 Costs as on 21.08.2025	Rs.46,50,383 Rs.15,20,935.23+future interest Rs.76,642/- + Further costs
Total as on 21.08.2025	Rs.62,47,960.23 future interest and costs.

Whereas since the above said dues have not been paid by the Certificate Debtors, this is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, and unless the Certificate Debtor, shall pay to you the above said sum and costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the warrant on or before **07.11.2025** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Details of Mortgaged Property)Apartment bearing No. C-204 of 'C' Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe grama panchayat e- Khatha No. 150200100200320770, Flat No. 248/C-204 on the Second Floor, of the building known as " Sigma Serenity'', measuring 1169 square feet of super built up area containing 2BHK together with one covered car parking space with 431 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No. 173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No. AL.N(A)(A)SR/107/2010-11, dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabere Villae, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 173, North by : Sy. No. 180 & 181 and South by : Sai Layout.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **10.10.2025**

Sd/- (P. H. Hemanth Kumar IRS)
Recovery Officer- II

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
Office of the Recovery Officer -1

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU- (DRT- I)

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NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION

(Under Rule 53 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961, Read with the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993

RC No. 222/2023 IN Case No. OA No.1030/2021

State Bank of India, RASMEC Hosur Branch, at Sri Vaari Building, Plot No. 2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase -1 Zuzuvadi, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635126. **....Certificate Holder/ Applicant**

V/s

Sri Karthick Chandra M. C. S/o. Chandra M., Residing at No. 33, 8th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Krishna Nagar K. R. puram, Bengaluru - 560 036. **....Certificate Debtor**

To : Certificate Debtor

Whereas, Sri Karthick Chandra M. C. (CD) was ordered by the Recovery Certificate No. 222/2023 of this Tribunal passed on the day of 31.01.2023 in OA No. 1030/2021 to pay to the State Bank of India (Applicant Bank/FI) the sum as noted below, and whereas the said has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details
Prinicipal Interest as on 21.08.2025 Costs as on 21.08.2025	Rs.46,50,383 Rs.15,20,935.23+future interest Rs.76,642/- + Further costs
Total as on 21.08.2025	Rs.62,47,960.23 future interest & costs.

The outstanding liability in this matter as on 21.08.2025 is **Rs.62,47,960/-** and whereas the said has amount along with cost, expenses and future interest are not paid by you, the undersigned has ordered the sale of under mentoned immovable property.

You are hereby informed that the day on after 15th day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Details of Mortgaged Property): Apartment bearing No. C-204 of 'C' Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe grama panchayat e- Khatha No. 150200100200320770, Flat No. 248/C-204 on the Second Floor, of the building known as " Sigma Serenity'', measuring 1169 square feet of super built up area containing 2BHK together with one covered car parking space with 431 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No. 173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No. AL.N(A)(A)SR/107/2010-11, dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabere Villae, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 173, North by : Sy. No. 180 & 181 and South by : Sai Layout.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **10.10.2025**

Sd/- (P. H. Hemanth Kumar IRS)
Recovery Officer- II

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION

(Under Rule 53 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961, Read with the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993

RC No. 92/2024 IN Case No. OA No.1114/2021

State Bank of India, RASMEC Hosur Branch, at Sri Vaari Building, Plot No. 2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase -1 Zuzuvadi, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635126. **....Certificate Holder/ Applicant**

V/s

Smt. Geetha V. W/o. Sri Mohan T, Residing at No. 1, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, 3rd Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 085. **....Certificate Debtor**

To : Certificate Debtor

Whereas, Smt. Geetha V. (CD) was ordered by the Recovery Certificate No. 92/2024 of this Tribunal passed on the day of 28.04.2023 in OA No. 1114/2021 to pay to the State Bank of India (Applicant Bank/FI) the sum as noted below, and whereas the said has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details
Prinicipal Interest as on 20.08.2025 Costs as on 20.08.2025	Rs.51,15,547 Rs.17,06,171.912+future interest Rs.83,142/- + Further costs
Total as on 20.08.2025	Rs.69,04,860.912 future interest and costs.

The outstanding liability in this matter as on 20.08.2025 is **Rs.69,04,860.912** and whereas the said has amount along with cost, expenses and future interest are not paid by you, the undersigned has ordered the sale of under mentoned immovable property.

You are hereby informed that the day on after 15th day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Details of Mortgaged Property) : Apartment bearing No. C-207 of 'C' Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe grama panchayat e- Khatha No. 150200100200320767, Flat No. 248/C-207 on the Second Floor, of the building known as " Sigma Serenity'', measuring 1007 square feet of super built up area containing 2BHK together with one covered car parking space with 372 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No. 173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No. AL.N(A)(A)SR/107/2010-11, dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabere Villae, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 173, North by : Sy. No. 180 & 181 and South by : Sai Layout.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **10.10.2025**

Sd/- (P. H. Hemanth Kumar IRS,) Recovery Officer- II

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NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION

(Under Rule 53 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961, Read with the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993)

RC No. 334/2024 IN Case No. OA No.842/2021

State Bank of India, RASMEC Hosur Branch, at Sri Vaari Building, Plot No. 2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase -1 Zuzuvadi, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635126. **....Certificate Holder/ Applicant**

V/s

Smt. Nayana M Udupi, W/o. Sri Manjunath, Residing at No. 579, 21st Cross, BDA Navabharathi, 2nd Block, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 036. **....Certificate Debtor**

To : Certificate Debtor

Whereas, Smt. Nayana M. Udupi (CD) was ordered by the Recovery Certificate No. 334/2024 of this Tribunal passed on the day of 31.08.2023 in OA No. 842/2021 to pay to the State Bank of India (Applicant Bank/FI) the sum as noted below, and whereas the said has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details
Prinicipal Interest as on 28.08.2025 Costs as on 28.08.2025	Rs.50,41,936 Rs.18,10,414.62 Rs.88,267/- Further costs
Total as on 28.08.2025	Rs.69,40,617.62 future interest and costs.

The outstanding liability in this matter as on 28.08.2025 is **Rs.69,40,617.62** and whereas the said has amount along with cost, expenses and future interestare not paid by you, the undersigned has ordered the sale of undermentoned immovable property.

You are hereby informed that the day on after 15th day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Details of Mortgaged Property): Apartment bearing No. D-307 of 'D' Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe grama panchayat e- Khatha No. 150200100200320674, Flat No. 248/D-307 on the Third Floor, of the building known as " Sigma Serenity'',measuring 929 square feet of super built up area containing 2BHK together with one covered car parking space with 343 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No. 173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No. AL.N(A)(A)SR/107/2010-11, dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabere Villae, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 173, North by : Sy. No. 180 & 181 and Southby : Sai Layout.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **10.10.2025**

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WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(See Sec.25 and Sec 29 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 read with Section 48 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

RC No. 92/2024 IN Case No. OA No.1114/2021

State Bank of India, RASMEC Hosur Branch, at Sri Vaari Building, Plot No. 2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase -1 Zuzuvadi, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635126. **....Certificate Holder/ Applicant**

V/s

Smt. Geetha V. W/o. Sri Mohan T, Residing at No. 1, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, 3rd Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 085. **....Certificate Debtor**

Whereas, Smt. Geetha V. (CD) was ordered by the Recovery Certificate No. 92/2024 of this Tribunal passed on the day of 28.04.2023 in OA No. 1114/2021 to pay to the State Bank of India (Applicant Bank/FI) the sum as noted below, and whereas the said has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details
Prinicipal Interest as on 20.08.2025 Costs as on 20.08.2025	Rs.51,15,547 Rs.17,06,171.912+future interest Rs.83,142/- + Further costs
Total as on 20.08.2025	Rs.69,04,860.912 future interest and costs.

Whereas since the above said dues have not been paid by the Certificate Debtors, this is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, and unless the Certificate Debtor, shall pay to you the above said sum and costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the warrant on or before **07.11.2025** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Details of Mortgaged Property): Apartment bearing No. C-207 of 'C' Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe grama panchayat e- Khatha No. 150200100200320767, Flat No. 248/C-207 on the Second Floor, of the building known as " Sigma Serenity'', measuring 1007 square feet of super built up area containing 2BHK together with one covered car parking space with 372 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No. 173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No. AL.N(A)(A)SR/107/2010-11, dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabere Villae, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 173, North by : Sy. No. 180 & 181 and South by : Sai Layout.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **10.10.2025**

Sd/- (P. H. Hemanth Kumar IRS)
Recovery Officer- II

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, BENGALURU

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(See Sec.25 and Sec 29 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 read with Section 48 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

RC No.282/2024 IN Case No. OA No.1001/2021

State Bank of India, RASMEC Hosur Branch, at Sri Vaari Building, Plot No. 2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase -1 Zuzuvadi, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635126. **....Certificate Holder/ Applicant**

V/s

Sri Ravindranathan S/o. Late Krishnan Residing at No. G-B, 2nd Cross, Near HAL Childern's Park, HAL Old Township Vimanapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 017. **....Certificate Debtor**

Whereas, Sri Ravindranathan (CD) was ordered by the Recovery Certificate No. 282/2024 of this Tribunal passed on the day of 31.07.2023 in OA No. 1001/2021 to pay to the State Bank of India (Applicant Bank/FI) the sum as noted below, and whereas the said has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details
Prinicipal Interest as on 20.08.2025 Costs as on 20.08.2025	Rs.52,11,760 Rs.17,44,195.89+future interest Rs.5,512/- + Further costs
Total as on 20.08.2025	Rs.69,61,467.89 future interest and costs.

Whereas since the above said dues have not been paid by the Certificate Debtors, this is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, and unless the Certificate Debtor, shall pay to you the above said sum and costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the warrant on or before **07.11.2025** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Details of Mortgaged Property): Apartment bearing No. D-206 of 'D' Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe grama panchayat e- Khatha No. 150200100200320756, Flat No. 248/D-206 on the Second Floor, of the building known as " Sigma Serenity'', measuring 1007 square feet of super built up area containing 2BHK together with one covered car parking space with 372 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No. 173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No. AL.N(A)(A)SR/107/2010-11, dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabere Villae, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 173, North by : Sy. No. 180 & 181 and South by : Sai Layout.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **10.10.2025**

Sd/- (P. H. Hemanth Kumar IRS)
Recovery Officer- II

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
Office of the Recovery Officer -1

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU- (DRT- I)

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION

(Under Rule 53 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961, Read with the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993

RC No.282/2024 IN Case No. OA No.1001/2021

State Bank of India, RASMEC Hosur Branch, at Sri Vaari Building, Plot No. 2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase -1 Zuzuvadi, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635126. **....Certificate Holder/ Applicant**

V/s

Sri Ravindranathan S/o. Late Krishnan Residing at No. G-B, 2nd Cross, Near HAL Childern's Park, HAL Old Township Vimanapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 017. **....Certificate Debtor**

To : Certificate Debtor

Whereas, Sri Ravindranathan (CD) was ordered by the Recovery Certificate No. 282/2024 of this Tribunal passed on the day of 31.07.2023 in OA No. 1001/2021 to pay to the State Bank of India (Applicant Bank/FI) the sum as noted below, and whereas the said has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details
Prinicipal Interest as on 20.08.2025 Costs as on 20.08.2025	Rs.52,11,760 Rs.17,44,195.89+future interest Rs.5,512/- + Further costs
Total as on 20.08.2025	Rs.69,61,467.89 future interest and costs.

The outstanding liability in this matter as on 20.08.2025 is **Rs.69,61,467.89** and whereas the said has amount along with cost, expenses and future interest are not paid by you, the undersigned has ordered the sale of under mentoned immovable property.

You are hereby informed that the day on after 15th day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Details of Mortgaged Property): Apartment bearing No. D-206 of 'D' Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe grama panchayat e- Khatha No. 150200100200320756, Flat No. 248/D-206 on the Second Floor, of the building known as " Sigma Serenity'', measuring 1007 square feet of super built up area containing 2BHK together with one covered car parking space with 372 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No. 173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No. AL.N(A)(A)SR/107/2010-11, dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabere Villae, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 173, North by : Sy. No. 180 & 181 and South by : Sai Layout.

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WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(See Sec.25 and Sec 29 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 read with Section 48 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

RC No. 334/2024 IN Case No. OA No.842/2021

State Bank of India, RASMEC Hosur Branch, at Sri Vaari Building, Plot No. 2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase -1 Zuzuvadi, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635126. **....Certificate Holder/ Applicant**

V/s

Smt. Nayana M Udupi, W/o. Sri Manjunath, Residing at No. 579, 21st Cross, BDA Navabharathi, 2nd Block, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 036. **....Certificate Debtor**

Whereas, Smt. Nayana M. Udupi (CD) was ordered by the Recovery Certificate No. 334/2024 of this Tribunal passed on the day of 31.08.2023 in OA No. 842/2021 to pay to the State Bank of India (Applicant Bank/FI) the sum as noted below, and whereas the said has not been paid.

Recovery Certificate	Details
Prinicipal Interest as on 28.08.2025 Costs as on 28.08.2025	Rs.50,41,936 Rs.18,10,414.62 Rs.88,267/- Further costs
Total as on 28.08.2025	Rs.69,40,617.62 future interest and costs.

Whereas since the above said dues have not been paid by the Certificate Debtors, this is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, and unless the Certificate Debtor, shall pay to you the above said sum and costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the warrant on or before **07.11.2025** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Details of Mortgaged Property): Apartment bearing No. D-307 of 'D' Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe grama panchayat e-Khatha No. 150200100200320674, Flat No. 248/D-307 on the Third Floor, of the building known as " Sigma Serenity'', measuring 929 square feet of super built up area containing 2BHK together with one covered car parking space with 343 square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the property bearing New Sy. No. 223, (Old Sy. No. 173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 Acres, vide Conversion Order No. AL.N(A)(A)SR/107/2010-11, dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabere Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 173, North by : Sy. No. 180 & 181 and Southby : Sai Layout.

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Sd/- (P. H. Hemanth Kumar IRS)
Recovery Officer- II

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COVER

The hidden costs buried in your home loan

Why the structure of a home financing, not just the EMI, decides what you really pay over 20 years

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What many borrowers miss is that the real cost of owning a home is often decided by the home loan structure, not just the EMI. FILE PHOTO

Vikas Tarachandani

Buying a home is often seen as the biggest milestone in a family's financial journey. Most people focus on the down payment, stamp duty, registration costs and an EMI that "fits the budget". What many borrowers miss is that the real cost of owning a home is often decided by the home loan structure, not just the EMI.

A home loan isn't just a rate or an EMI to be paid. It's a long-term contract with several moving parts such as tenure, benchmark, reset dates, fees, bundled insurance and other add-ons. These details can quietly add several lakhs to the total outflow over 15-20 years. Sometimes this happens because borrowers don't know what to look for. Sometimes, because sales teams are rewarded for closing fast. Often, lenders and agents highlight what sounds convenient upfront, while the real costs stay buried in the fine print.

One of the most common hidden cost traps begins even before the interest rate discussion, at the stage where a borrower chooses a lender. Many borrowers don't pick lenders purely on pricing. They choose quicker approvals, doorstep service, higher loan-to-value ratios, fewer questions, faster disbursals or a smoother overall experience during a time-sensitive home purchase.

The catch is that these "benefits" are rarely free. They are often packaged with a higher interest rate, additional charges or a less transparent benchmark and reset structure.

What feels like a small premium for convenience in the moment can quietly turn into a long-term cost, as the borrower continues paying for that ease month after month across the life of the loan.

Another overlooked factor is how the loan's interest rate is structured and reset over time. Borrowers often track their "interest rate" but very few track what that rate is actually linked to and how often it resets. The effective rate a borrower pays is influenced by the benchmark design used for the loan, the frequency of resets, and the credit risk premium charged over the benchmark.

This creates a subtle but meaningful outcome: two borrowers with the same lender can end up paying different rates for long periods, simply based on when they borrowed and how their loans are structured.

Why spread matters

The most under-discussed part of a home loan is often the spread. Spread sounds like bank jargon, so most borrowers ignore it, but it is frequently the main reason a borrower's home loan rate stays high even when interest rates are falling. It is the extra margin the bank adds over the benchmark, such as the repo rate. For example, if a borrower's home loan rate is 8.25%, it could be structured as repo (5.25%) plus a spread of 3%. While the benchmark may fall, the borrower's spread does not automatically reduce, and banks rarely revise spreads for existing customers on their own. Therefore, older borrowing customers continue to pay the same premium, while new borrowers with similar profiles may receive lower spreads. This is how two similar borrowers can borrow from the same bank and still pay different rates.

Bundled products, especially insurance, are another major source of hidden cost. Insurance is important and often advisable given the size and duration of home loans. The issue arises when borrowers are led to believe that a particular insurance product is mandatory or when the premium is bundled in a way that inflates the financed amount. If an insurance premium is financed through the loan, the borrower doesn't just pay the premium, rather they pay interest on that premium for years. Even if the EMI impact appears small, the total outflow over time can increase significantly. The worry here more than insurance is how it is packaged, priced and disclosed.

The fee trap

Moreover, fees and charges also tend to be underestimated. Home loans often involve processing fees, legal and valuation fees, documentation charges and administrative costs. Borrowers typically negotiate the interest rate aggressively but don't always negotiate the fee structure with the same intent. Over the lifetime of the loan, these costs compound and reduce net savings, even when a borrower believes they have secured a competitive rate.

The hidden cost isn't borrowing but borrowing without clarity. Home loans are not expensive debt in India and are often the most efficient way to finance a home. However, that efficiency depends on the structure. The right loan structure depends on the borrower's liquidity outlook, financial strategy and personal priorities. What remains universal is that a home loan is a long-term contract, and small structural details can quietly reshape the total cost of owning a home.

The writer is co-founder of SURE, a liability management platform.

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BJP member praises work of Revenue and Labour departments

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Revenue and Labour departments, headed by Krishna Byre Gowda and Santosh Lad respectively, came in for praise in the Legislative Council on Friday by a BJP member.

Y.M. Satish (BJP) remarked that these were the "only two departments" functioning in a citizen-friendly manner.

Referring to the law and order situation in the State, he cited the recent violence in Ballari and alleged that anyone who spoke against the local MLA was being targeted.

Expressing concern for his own safety, he sought adequate security.

"Except for the Revenue and Labour departments, no other department is functioning in a manner that meets the aspirations of the people," Mr. Satish claimed.

Yatnal asks govt. to respond to contractors' charge

Siddaramaiah has become the longest-serving Chief Minister of Karnataka surpassing the tenure of D. Devaraj Urs, and he should leave office with a clean record, says the expelled BJP member

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal, an expelled member of the BJP, on Friday questioned whether the Congress government would accept allegations of "doubling of commission" now, after endorsing claims of "40% commission" against the erstwhile BJP government.

Speaking during the discussion on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Yatnal referred to allegations made by Karnataka State Contractors' Association (KSCA) president R. Manjunath and demanded a response from the Congress government.

Earlier charges

He recalled that the Congress had earlier accepted

Basangouda R. Patil Yatnal

charges levelled by former KSCA president D. Kempanna, who had accused the Basavaraj Bommai-led government of collecting a "40% commission."

Mr. Yatnal asked whether Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who was present in the House, would now accept similar allegations being made against the present government.

Mr. Yatnal alleged that large sums of contractors' bills across various departments remained pending and claimed that delays in clearing payments had driven several contractors to suicide. He urged Mr. Siddaramaiah to hold talks with Mr. Manjunath and ensure that pending bills were cleared without delay.

The MLA says contractors were forced to borrow money from private lenders at exorbitant interest rates to execute government works

The expelled BJP leader said contractors were forced to borrow money from private lenders at exorbitant interest rates to execute government works. He alleged that the Congress government had made no serious effort to curb corruption in the administration.

Have clean record

Stating that Mr. Siddaramaiah had become the longest-serving Chief Minister after surpassing the tenure of D. Devaraj Urs, Mr. Yatnal said the Chief Minister should leave office with a clean record. Instead, he alleged, the government had been embroiled in scams such as those related to MUDA, the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation, and housing schemes.

State BJP president B.Y. Vijayendra alleged that there was no relief for people belonging to the AHINDA community under the Congress government, claiming that funds meant for backward class corporations had not been released.

Congress member Sharath Bache Gowda highlighted the achievements of the Congress government on various fronts and alleged that the BJP-led Central government had been unjust to Karnataka by denying it its rightful share in tax devolution.

Contractors threaten to stop work saying unpaid bills amount to ₹37,370 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Contractors' Association (KSCA) has threatened to stop all civil work across the State and go on a strike if the government does not start clearing pending bills, which reportedly amount to a whopping ₹37,370 crore.

The Association has sought a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds Finance portfolio, to address their concerns, and commit to a timeline to clear pending bills.

The Association is applying this pressure ahead of the State budget, to be tabled in the first week of March.

Sources said KSCA is looking at a February 5 deadline for the government to respond.

The Association had similarly threatened a strike after Deepavali in October, 2025, but were pacified during a meeting with government representatives. R. Manjunath, President, KSCA, said, "Barring some bills cleared in the Public Works Department and erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), no other department is clearing bills regularly."

G. M. Nandakumar, General Secretary, KSCA, alleged contracts in the Urban Development Department were being fixed by middlemen, a charge denied by UDD Minister Byrathi Suresh.

The Association is said to be planning to write to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi about their grievances.

Fact sheet

Department	Estimated pending bills (in ₹crore)
Water Resources	13,000
Public Works	8,370
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj	3,800
Minor Irrigation	3,000
Housing	2,600
Greater Bengaluru Authority	2,600
Urban Development	2,000
Labour	2,000
Total	₹37,370

Dharmasthala case: Govt. urged to make SIT report public

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Senior BJP member and former Minister S. Suresh Kumar on Friday demanded that the report of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) that probed the alleged mass burial case at Dharmasthala be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Speaking during the discussion on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address to the State legislature, Mr. Kumar sought details of the investigation and questioned the delay in making the report public.

"The investigation has been completed, but the report has not been presented yet. Should the image of Dharmasthala continue to be tarnished? The report must be placed before the House," he said.

Question of faith

Mr. Kumar said the Sri

S. Suresh Kumar

Manjunatha Swamy temple and its deity were a source of faith for lakhs of devotees. He alleged that vested interests were attempting to tarnish the reputation of the holy place through campaigns on social media and urged the government to disclose the SIT findings to restore public confidence.

The BJP member recalled that the Supreme Court had strongly criticised a public interest litigation related to the Dharmasthala issue, terming it "paisa interest litigation" rather than a genuine public cause. Making the SIT report public would help expose the intentions of those allegedly trying to defame the shrine, he said.

Constant leadership tussle

Mr. Kumar also criticised the Congress government, alleging that people in the State were fed up with the power struggle between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

The BJP leader alleged that the Congress government had wasted an entire year in political infighting between the Chief Minister and his deputy.

"They have entertained the people without collecting entertainment tax," he remarked, and called upon the government to introspect its performance over the past two years.

'Seeking cooperation of Kuvempu's family to set up museum'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi on Friday said that the government was seeking cooperation from the family members of Kannada writer Kuvempu to convert his residence in Mysuru to a museum.

The Minister told the Legislative Council that the government was interested in converting Kuvempu's residence into a museum. "Recently, I met the family members seeking their cooperation. They have laid down conditions, which are significant. I will have to discuss the issue with the Chief Minister."

Responding to a question from BJP member Prathapsimha Nayak, he said that the proposal to convert the residence to a museum had come in the 2018-2019 Budget proposal, but was stuck. "Initially, the family asked for ₹5 crore, which later went up

Shivaraj Tangadagi

to ₹10 crore. The price quoted during the BJP government was around ₹15 crore. There are more conditions now."

Pointing out at the government's initiative to convert the residence of former Chief Minister S. Nijalingappa into a museum, he said, "The entire family members came together and are cooperating with the government. The matter has been settled at ₹5 crore. I went to the family of Kuvempu seeking a similar cooperation."

Janardhana Reddy and Nagendra trade charges in Assembly over Ballari clash

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress member and former Minister B. Nagendra and BJP member and former Minister G. Janardhana Reddy, both from Ballari, were involved in a heated exchange in the Legislative Assembly on Friday over remarks allegedly made by former Minister B. Sriramulu against Congress MLA Nara Bharath Reddy at a BJP rally held on January 17.

The verbal duel began when Mr. Nagendra, speaking on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address, referred to Mr. Sriramulu's reported statement at the rally that Mr. Bharath Reddy would be "searched and attacked" after the BJP returns to power in 2028.

Mr. Janardhana Reddy claimed Mr. Sriramulu had been misquoted and questioned Mr. Nagendra for defending Mr. Bharath Reddy, whose private gunman allegedly killed a Congress worker during a clash on January 1.

Mr. Janardhana Reddy said he was ready to submit video evidence of Mr. Sriramulu's speech from the January 17 rally. Mr. Sriramulu had said if Mr. Bharath Reddy was not arrested now, he would be arrested after the BJP comes to power in 2028, he claimed.

Mr. Janardhana Reddy also objected to Mr. Nagendra's remarks on "Ballari Republic," alleging that the Congress leader was attempting to portray the district as being synonymous with illegal mining.

Escalating the attack, Mr. Janardhana Reddy accused Mr. Nagendra of "looting" ₹187 crore from the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation, and said that even "in 100 births" Mr. Nagendra could not match what Mr. Sriramulu had done for the welfare of the Valmiki community.

Speaker intervenes

As the exchange intensified, Speaker U.T. Khader intervened and cautioned Mr. Nagendra against using "street-level language", asking him to confine his speech to development issues in Ballari.

Mr. Nagendra said a probe into the January 1 incident was under way and expressed hope for an impartial investigation to ensure punishment for those responsible. He said his priority was to maintain peace in the district.

Mr. Nagendra also urged the Speaker to expunge certain remarks made by Mr. Janardhana Reddy on Thursday against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

'Govt. yet to pay six months' instalments to Gruha Lakshmi beneficiaries'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BJP member Mahesh Tenginakai, whose revelation on the non-payment of Gruha Lakshmi instalment amount had forced the Women and Child Development Minister to tender an apology in the Winter Session of the State legislature, on Friday alleged that the government was yet to pay six monthly instalments to beneficiaries under the scheme, including that of the ongoing month.

Participating in a debate in the Assembly on motion of thanks to the Governor's address to both the Houses of the State legislature, Mr. Tenginakayi alleged that the government was yet to pay the installments under the scheme for February, March, October, November and December 2025, and January 2026. The total funds to be the released amounted to ₹15,000 crore, the MLA pointed out.

Particularly taking exception to the non-payment of installment amount towards February and March 2025, Mr. Tenginakayi recalled that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah himself had assured the House in the previous session of releasing funds soon after that session. "But it has been more than a month since the previous session concluded. But the beneficiaries are yet to get the money," he alleged.

Mahesh Tenginakai

Why the delay?

He urged the government to clarify why it was delaying the payment to beneficiaries. "This would amount to cheating the 1.24 crore women beneficiaries," he maintained.

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Meanwhile, expressing concern over the problem of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh in some cities of Karnataka, including Bengaluru, Mr. Tenginakayi urged the government to launch a special campaign to identify and deport them.

"While it is difficult for the Indian citizens themselves to get certain records without hassles, these illegal immigrants are getting Aadhaar and ration cards through fake documents with the help of agents," he claimed. He said there was a suspicion that the government's "appeasement policy" was encouraging it.

Chalavadi targets govt.'s ad campaign

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, on Friday took a swipe at the State government's public campaign opposing the revised MGNREGA framework, questioning if similar publicity had been given to alleged irregularities in the implementation of the scheme.

Referring to advertisements opposing the Centre's VB-G RAM G Act featuring caricatures of Mahatma Gandhi having a conversation with a man named "Sangappa", who is depicted wearing a white shirt and khaki trousers, he asked whether the government had informed the public about "what Nungappa (taking a dig at alleged corruption in the implementation of MGNREGA) has done". The comment drew attention during discussion on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address.

State's connection to U.P. Assembly

The seven-foot-tall chair has been carved out of rosewood by 10 artisans under the supervision of Karnataka State Forest Industries Corporation

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

When the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, the largest in the country, meets for the Budget session on February 9, it is set to have a Karnataka connection.

The ornate and canopied Speaker's chair with special carving for the U.P. assembly, embedded with U.P.'s State emblem, has been hand-carved in Karnataka.

The chair was dispatched to Lucknow from Bengaluru on Friday. The seven-foot-tall chair has been carved out of rosewood by 10 artisans under the supervision of Karnataka State Forest Industries Corporation here. The cost of the chair is ₹ 29.79 lakh, including GST.

It is learnt that the U.P. Legislative Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana, who was in Bengaluru to attend the All-India Speakers' Conference, organised by Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, in September, 2025, was impressed with the Speaker's Chair in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

The new chair of the Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, which was made in Karnataka. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

He spoke to Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader to source a similar chair for the U.P. Assembly, after which it was tasked to the corporation.

A team from the corporation, including DCF Sridhar, also visited the U.P. Vidhan Sabha in Lucknow to hold discussions and secure dimensions.

A Forest Department source said they did not want the crown on the Speaker's chair that is present in Karnatala Legislative Assembly.

The artisans took nearly two months to finish the chair, and the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha is expecting the chair to reach Lucknow by February 5, ahead of the State Budget there, according to sources.

Tobacco-related ads on RTC buses stopped after public backlash

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following public outrage over tobacco-related advertisements on State-run buses, Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Friday directed all road transport corporations in the State to immediately stop carrying advertisements linked to tobacco products and remove those already displayed.

In an official note issued to the managing directors of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, the minister instructed that the directive be implemented with immediate effect.

"In the interest of the public, I hereby direct that, with immediate effect, no advertisements directly or indirectly promoting the consumption of tobacco products shall be displayed on buses or at bus stands of the transport corporations," Mr. Reddy stated in the note.

The decision comes amid growing protests by Kannada activists in Bengaluru and other parts of the state who have recently been removing tobacco-related advertisements from RTC buses. The activists have argued that such advertisements encourage tobacco consumption and undermine public health, particularly among young commuters and daily bus users.

Meanwhile, the issue had also triggered widespread criticism on social media.

Need probe into illegal sand mining as Home Minister has expressed 'helplessness': HC

Court took *suo motu* cognisance based on G. Parameshwara's statement carried in newspapers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Taking cognisance of Home Minister G. Parameshwara's statement that he was "helpless" in taking action against illegal sand mining due to "involvement of many influential persons", the High Court of Karnataka has said that the issue of illegal sand mining now requires a court-monitored probe by a Central agency or a specially-constituted agency, or a Special Investigation Team.

"If the Home Minister of the State feels helpless in taking action to curb the illegal sand mining by mafias, there cannot be any hope that the said illegal activity of sand mining in the State can be curbed by the State machinery," the court observed in its order.

A Division Bench, comprising Justice D.K. Singh and Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju, passed the order while *suo motu* initiating a PIL petition based on Dr. Parameshwar's January 27 statement, made on the floor of the Legislative Assembly, reported in newspapers on January 28.

The Bench took note of the Home Minister's reported statement: "Illegal sand mining is a big racket. I am not giving any explanation or naming anyone, as it is a little embarrassing. I have given only a restricted answer, but it involves many influential people. I will call a meeting to discuss the issue."

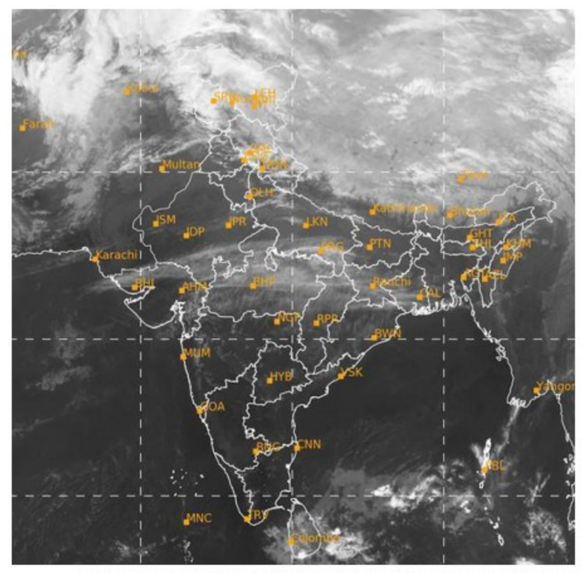
It was reported in the newspapers that bids for extraction of sand were invited but they were not opened yet. Many big sharks do not want the extraction legalised, as legalised extraction would impact the sand mafia.

Dr. Parameshwara had made the statements while responding to a question on illegal sand mining raised by Devagurga MLA Karemma Naik, who had complained on the floor of the Assembly about the threat to her life from the sand mafias.

While ordering issue of notice to the State government, the Bench asked the registry to place the petition before the Chief Justice for assigning it before an appropriate Bench for hearing.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.45 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Thunderstorm accompanied with hailstorm/lightning & gusty winds likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad. Dense fog likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.9	13.5	Kozhikode	4	32.0	24.7
Ahmedabad	—	28.0	15.9	Kurnool	—	32.8	20.2
Aizawl	—	28.2	13.4	Lucknow	—	20.3	11.9
Allahabad	—	21.4	11.6	Madurai	—	33.0	19.6
Bengaluru	—	28.9	16.6	Mangaluru	—	33.9	22.5
Bhopal	—	24.6	9.8	Mumbai	—	33.4	22.0
Bhubaneswar	—	30.0	17.1	Mysuru	—	30.4	17.0
Chandigarh	—	22.2	8.8	New Delhi	—	22.6	7.7
Chennai	—	30.3	20.3	Patna	—	21.3	14.0
Coimbatore	—	31.4	19.0	Port Blair	—	30.6	25.2
Dehradun	—	24.8	9.2	Puducherry	—	28.4	20.3
Gangtok	—	17.2	7.3	Pune	—	32.0	20.9
Goa	—	32.2	21.8	Raipur	—	30.3	17.4
Guwahati	—	27.0	14.5	Ranchi	—	25.5	15.0
Hubballi	—	32.0	17.0	Shillong	—	16.5	6.1
Hyderabad	—	29.2	19.1	Shimla	—	17.6	5.2
Imphal	—	24.1	7.7	Srinagar	—	10.0	1.3
Jaipur	—	23.1	10.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.6	22.4
Kochi	—	31.4	24.4	Tiruchi	—	30.7	19.6
Kohima	—	18.0	7.8	Vijayawada	—	29.4	20.2
Kolkata	—	26.6	17.5	Visakhapatnam	—	29.8	21.3

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.84	..74	50	... 122	...155	
Bengaluru	...5	..21	37	... 174	...170	
Chennai	.14	..11	21	... 253	...113	
Delhi	.11	223	71	... 323	...239	
Hyderabad	...9	..38	56	... 135	...127	
Kolkata	...6	127	49	... 215	...162	
Lucknow	...6	..33	64	... 150	...288	
Mumbai	.22	..92	55	... 119	...142	
Pune	..—	..32	35	... 275	...190	
Visakhapatnam	.11	..88	18	... 253	...229	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 303 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Properties worth ₹2.55 cr. restored to PNB

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Enforcement Directorate completed the process of restitution of five attached immovable properties worth ₹2.55 crore to Punjab National Bank. The properties relate to a money laundering case.

Being targeted because I'm a Dalit: Thimmapur

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

R.B. Thimmapur FILE PHOTO

Announcing that he would resign from his post if evidence was provided on the corruption charges, Excise Minister R.B. Thimmapur, on Friday, said that he was targeted with politically motivated and defamatory allegations because he was a Dalit.

"They (Opposition) are conspiring against me to humiliate me. If evidence is provided, I will resign from my post at this moment," the Minister said during a discussion in the Legislative Council.

Stating that except CL 4 and CL 7 licences, no other license was being issued, he said, "The BJP government issued 1,404 licences during COVID-19. How much was collected then? The Opposition is basing its attack on the allegations made by (Wine Merchants Association president) Guruswamy. He should reveal how much bribe has been given and to whom." He also referred to a KDA meeting where an official had accused former Excise Minister Gopalaiah of collecting bribe.

Earlier, the BJP members, levelling multi-crore corruption charges, had demanded his resignation.

Flashing a blue pen drive, the Minister said, "There is evidence of corruption of others in this. I can name them." Interrupting him, the BJP members urged him to reveal names, but the Minister refused to do so.

Providing details about the reforms that he had brought in his department, Mr. Thimmapur said that the annual renewal of licence had now been made once in five years, and renewal had to be done within 48 hours. Further, he said against an earlier 16 level approval process, it was down to seven now. E-auction had been introduced with reservation to bring transparency.

However, Leader of Opposition Chalavadi Narayanswamy said that there were enough digital evidences and the Lokayukta trapping an Excise official. "There is a monthly card varying from city to city for collecting bribe."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that our Client proposes to purchase property described in the Schedule below from **Mr. Mohammed Habibulla, S/o. Late Mr. Mohammed Abdul Razack,** aged about 82 years, residing at No.135, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, 1st Block, R.M.V 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560094. Any person having any claim, right, title, in respect of the said property or has any objection to our Client's intended purchase, is hereby called upon to notify any claim or objection to us in writing, **within 7 (seven) days** from the date of this publication. Should no such claim or objection be received, it shall be presumed that no such claim or objection exists and our Client will proceed with the proposed transaction without further notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of residential property bearing site No.135, Block No.I, in II Stage, Rajmahal Vilas Extension measuring East to West 28.00 Meters, North to South 15.00 Meters, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and constructed thereon a residential building admeasuring 3797 sq.ft of super built-up area, and bounded on as follows: **North by :** Site No.134; **South by :** Site No.136; **East by :** Site No.150; **West by :** Road.

Claims or objections, if any, shall be communicated to the undersigned.

Ms. Vidhi Lakhani, Advocate
ALLIED LAW PRACTICES
1/1, 3rd Floor, Millers Arcade
Millers Road, Vasanth Nagar
Bangalore, Karnataka 560 052
Date: 31-01-2026, Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given to Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule properties from its owners namely **1) B.N. GOVINDARAJU S/o B.A. Narayanswamy, 2) B.N. JAGADISH S/o B.A. Narayanswamy AND 3) B.N. SRINIVAS S/o B.A. Narayanswamy, aged about 66 years, All are Residing at: #295, Hadonahalli Street, Bettahalasur village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore-562157.**

Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in respect of said property by way of sale, inheritance, bequest, exchange, gift, possession, trust, Mortgage, lease, license, lien, charge, tenancy, lis pendency, development rights, maintenance, easement, or under any agreement of sale or Power of Attorney, option, right of first refusal or pre-emption whatsoever or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing with documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest, claim or demand & the same shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents & purposes. Claims without documentary proofs and/or objections directly published in Newspaper shall not be considered as Valid.

Schedule Property

All that piece and Parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing Survey Nos. 61/1, 61/2, 61/3, 62/5 and 63/2, totally measuring 8-00 Acres, situated at BEEDIKERE AGRAHARA VILLAGE, Thubagere Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk and Bangalore rural District.

Sri. PRAVEEN KUMAR RODDAM
S/o Surendra Babu Roddam
Residing at #A-1002, 10th Floor
Bairavi Cruz Laxury Apartment
Chelekeri Main Road,
Opp: to St. Rocks church,
Kalyan Nagar,Bangalore-560043
Mobile: 77955 68030

SD/-HANUMANTH R., ADVOCATE
Mobile: 9620697201

BANGALORE MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
No.5, 2nd Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bangalore - 560 009.
Tel: 080-22341230/35, **E-mail :** bmicapa@gmail.com

No: BMICAPA/CLU-03/100/2025-26/2467 **Date : 28.01.2026**

PUBLICATION

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri M Purushotham S/o Mari Gowda D has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from"Agriculture" Zone to "Residential" purpose pertaining to Sy.No:147/10 extent of 00Acre-03.04Guntas, of Hampapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961 (Intention to build own residential building). The foresaid lands are reserved for Agriculture zone in approved Master plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1. At the time of construction of building, there will be job opportunities to labourers.
2. By development of building the Government will get taxes in various forms.

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from this notice. Any objections received after stipulated time will not be considered.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/5290/NR/2025-26 **Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore.**

Govt. of Karnataka
Zilla Panchayath Belagavi District Belagavi,
(Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme)
Address : Court Compound Zilla Panchayath Office Belagavi
Phone No: 9480854002, Email :pddrdabgm@gmail.com

No. ZPB/MGREGA: TENDER.CR. 58/2025-26 Dated: 29 -01 -2026

Tender Notification

Tender Notification for the Selection of Man Power Agency for providing out sourcing services in Belagavi districts (Through e-procurement only)

On behalf of The Chief Executive Officer, Belagavi Zilla Panchayath, Belagavi District Rural Development & Panchayath Raj Department (RD&PR), Government of Karnataka, the undersigned is inviting tenders through e-procurement platform in two cover system (Technical & Financial) from the eligible Man Power agencies for providing out sourcing services in Belagavi district for the period of 3 Years.

Tender document containing details of eligibility criteria, EMD, scope of work and other terms and conditions may be obtained from the website of Karnataka Public procurement portal (KPPP), e-procurement Department, Government of Karnataka.

The last date for submission of Tenders at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ is Date: 03.03.2026 before 5.00 pm.

Belagavi Zilla Panchayath Belagavi District, Rural Development & Panchayath Raj Department (RD&PR), Government of Karnataka reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

Sd/-Project Director(DRDA)&
Tender Inviting Authority.
Belagavi Zilla Panchayath, Belagavi District
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Dept.
Government of Karnataka
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1726/KSMCA/2025-26

Office of the Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Special division, Shimoga
Ph: 08182-222943, E-Mail: spdivision@gmail.com
IFT No. 44/2025-26 Dt. 30.01.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)2nd CALL IFT NO: 44/2025-26

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply under head of account 2059-80-053-4-00-200-Building Maintenance in Shivamogga tq Roofing and Building other repair work of the old circuit house of Public Works Department in Shivamogga City(INDENT-28811) Amount put to tender is. Rs.89.18 Lakhs & EMD amount is Rs. 1.785 lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 06 Months including Monsoon. The tenderers may submit tenders through KPPP- portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from 30-01-2026 to 06-02-2026 Last date for Receipt of Tender is on 06-02-2026 at 17.00 PM. The Technical bid will be opned on 07-02-2026 at 05.30 PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened after 08-02-2026 Onwards. If there any changes in publication, it will be puplishing through E-Procurement only. For more information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Special Division, Shimoga.
DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/ 212/01/1726

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE
(ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
PROBATE C.P.NO. 4/2025

In the matter of the Assets of the deceased Mr. Rajanayakam Mohanraj @ R. Mohanraj (Died Intestate)

BETWEEN: 1. Mrs. PREMA GNANAOLIVU
Wife of late Manoharan Gnanaolivu,
Aged about 83 years, Residing at; Block-A, Flat No.605, Urbana Irene, Ozone Urban Township, VTC; Kannamangala, Devanahalli, Bangalore 562 110, Ph; (+91) 9003157957
Email: g-prema@hotmail.com
2. Mrs. VASANTHA THOMAS @ VASANTHA KUMARI THOMAS
Wife of Devamani Benjamin Thomas,
Aged about 81years, Residing at 4C, Topaz, Navaratna Phase-II Marg, Swarnabhoomi, Cheyyar Post, Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu-603302. Ph; (+91) 9345412577
Email: vasanthabenji@gmail.com
3. Mr. JOHN RAJANAYAKAM,
Son of late George Samuel Rajanayakam,
Aged about 64 years, Residing at 755, Luse Drive, Columbus, IN 47201, USA
Having come to Bangalore and presently at Flat D-521, Divyashree 77 Place, Yemalur Main Road, Bangalore 560 037
Ph; (+1) 8123431438
Email: jrajanayakam@gmail.com :
... **PETITIONERS**

AND

NIL : ... **RESPONDENT**

Whereas the Petitioners above named have made the Petition under Section 278 Parts VIII & IX of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of Letters of Administration of the properties of the deceased Late Mr. Rajanayakam Mohanraj @ R. Mohanraj (hereinafter referred to as the 'deceased'), who had died in Bangalore on 11.06.2024, the Deceased was aged 76 years and he was a resident of Apartment No. 107, Phase 4 (also referred to as Apartment No. 04/107), Golden Park Apartments, Kodi Chikkanahalli, Bangalore 560 076, Karnataka, which falls within the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court.

BE IT KNOWN that no Caveat has been entered and that the said Petition is posted for hearing on **09.03.2026** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the Deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Letters of Administration.

Given under my hand and Seal of this Court, this the 14th day of January 2026.

Assistant Registrar
High Court of Karnataka Bengaluru
Advocate For Petitioner
J Hudson Samuel & Partners
Advocates, Sir Cariappa Wing, First Floor, Devatha Plaza, Field Marshal K M Cariappa Road, (Residency Road), Bengaluru.

HITES
HLL INFRA TECH SERVICES LTD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

HITES on behalf of Institute of Organ and Tissue Transplant, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala, invites online bids through e-tendering from eligible contractors/firms in two bid system for following work in EPC mode:

Name and Description of work	Estimated cost	Completion period	Last date of submission
Construction of Institute for Organ and Tissue Transplant, Chevayur, Kozhikode	**Rs. 252,96,98,073/- (Excl. GST)**	**30 months**	**24.02.2026**

The project is funded by KIIFB. For submission & other tender details, please refer detailed NIT on e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** and **www.hllhites.com**. Corrigendum/amendments etc., if any, will be notified on this portal only and separate newspaper advertisement will not be made for this. **VP (ID) South Operations**

Deputy Commissioner Office,
Kolar District, Kolar
(District urban Development cell, Kolar)
E-mail: ka.kolar.dudc@gmail.com, phone & Fax no: 08152-243555
No.DUDC/TECH(Indira Canteen)/CR/42/2023-24
DATED: 28.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(as per the conditions of the Standard Tender Document E-Procurement Tender Notification)

Kolar District ULB's Tender through Karnataka Procurement Portal as per the GO. No.FD/06/PCL/2006, Bangalore from the Registered, Eligible Contractors. For details visit **http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The Indent Numbers details below. Any addendums will be notified through Karnataka Procurement portal only. **Work Indent No:DMA/2025-26/IND5859, Amount put to tender Rs:294.19 lakhs.** Tender last date and Bid Opening date should be seen in KPPP Portal Website.

Sd/- Project Director
District Urban Development Cell, Kolar
DIPR/KOLAR/R.O.No.469/KSMC&A/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.
GSTIN:29BLR002252F1DR

No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS-1&2/e-Tender/2025-26/2692, Dated:28.01.2026

Short Term e-Tender Notification

1) Details of works: On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-1,3 & 4 Karnataka Public Works Department invited item Rate Tender under KPPP Portal in Two Cover System from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following works Under KKRDB (Plan) for the year 2025-26 Under Yadgir Taluka-(1)31348, (2)31468, (3)31274, Shahapur Taluka-(1)31019, (2)31237, (3)31238, (4)31071, (5)30820, (6)31006 and Shorapur Taluka-(1)31205, (2)31638 Total 11 (Eleven) works Tender Called **2) Amount Put to Tender:** Miminimum Rs 15.00 Lakhs and Maximum Rs.500.00 Lakhs **3) Contractor Eligible Details:**Civil Class-IV & Above **4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details:**Tender Fee, EMD & Period as per kppp portal, **5) Last Date & Time for Tender Pre-Bid Meeting:** 06.02.2026 (11.30 hrs Onwards)(For KW-4 Works Only) **6) Last Date & Time for Tender queries/Clarification:** 09.02.2026 (Upto 17.30 hrs) **7) Last Date & Time for Reciept of the tender in e-KPPP portal** :11.02.2026 (Upto 16.00 hrs) **8) Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Technical Bid:**12.02.2026 (16.30 hrs Onwards) **9) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid:** 16.02.2026 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **10) For More Details Contact: Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division** : Yadgir. **11) Website Address:**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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A job well done

The Survey has laid out an ambitious economic and governance plan

Through his Economic Survey 2025-26, Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran has once again shown the value of level-headed analysis while eschewing sensationalism. With the global economy in flux and the Indian economy displaying stability, the need of the day is pointed analysis of current data for future policy. In this, the Survey has delivered. It has charted out a broad framework for a medium-term economic and governance strategy, highlighting the concept of an 'entrepreneurial state' that is more risk-taking, agile, and willing to experiment. The CEA is pushing for a forward-looking dynamic shift to policymaking that is willing to fail and learn in the quest for much-needed growth acceleration. Now past the turbulent COVID-19 pandemic, it is time to look ahead with policy filling the economy's sails. The Survey acknowledges that this will not be easy. Indeed, it assigns a 10%-20% probability to the global economy, in 2026, descending into a crisis worse than that in 2008. Even its best-case scenario is a worsening of conditions as they were in 2025. Yet, the Survey does paint a favourable picture of India's economy, backed with facts and figures. It also does not shy away from pointing out some emerging risks and developing problems.

At the macro level, it points out that the falling rupee does not reflect India's economic fundamentals, and the depreciation is due in large part to capital flowing to countries with more developed AI industries and to safe-haven assets. A weak rupee is good for exporters, but India predominantly depends on imports – and those have become more expensive. If trade negotiations have revealed anything, it is that India is not strategically vital to any merchandise supply chain. To address this and other structural weaknesses, the Survey outlines an ambitious plan to focus on strategic resilience and, eventually, develop "strategic indispensability". It also argues for greater fiscal flexibility for the Centre to address geopolitical and geoeconomic uncertainties, but, simultaneously, cautions States against fiscal populism. The reasoning is clear: while the Centre has managed to more than halve its fiscal deficit ratio in five years, an increasing number of States have fallen into revenue deficits in this period. This cannot be ignored, despite the political attractiveness of unconditional cash transfers. It is noteworthy that four major States go for elections this year, only one of which is currently led by the BJP. The Survey points out several other emerging problems, such as the impact of ethanol production on food security, the real costs of the ongoing shift to renewable energy, the lack of adequate fodder, and, not insignificantly, the impact of "compulsive scrolling" on smartphones. Each of these merits attention, and the Survey has done its job well by highlighting them.

Stay the course

Equity rules may need modifications, but they are essential

On Thursday, the Supreme Court of India stayed the University Grants Commission (UGC)'s Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions rules, calling them "too sweeping". Notified in January, the rules sought to address all forms of discrimination, in particular caste-based, on campuses after years of activism, litigation and tragic suicides such as Rohith Vemula that shocked the nation's conscience. The Court had mandated the UGC to draw up these rules. The 2012 UGC framework on this issue had been almost completely ignored by HEIs. Caste and caste-based discrimination is a persisting reality and addressing it should be a political, social and educational priority. Many students have faced it, leaving lifelong scars, and sometimes ruining lives. UGC figures show that the number of such complaints in HEIs has more than doubled in the last five years. The draft rules were made public last year for discussion and the rules have been notified with changes. There is a case that the new rules are a dilution of the 2012 framework that identified many more and pressing forms of discrimination, and had separate sections that dealt with problems faced by SC/ST students such as not fulfilling reservation norms. But what is different is that the new rules seek to implement the setting up of equal opportunity centres, equity committees, equity helplines and squads, and time bound complaint resolution through better monitoring, oversight and representation in the inquiry committees. An HEI's non-compliance with these rules can invite UGC action, potentially bolstering compliance.

Campuses in parts of northern India have seen protests against the new rules on two counts. The rules define caste-based discrimination as only those against SC/STs and OBCs, and there is no provision for action against false complaints. At one level, the former may seem unfair to general category students who appear to have been denied recourse. Though it is self-evident that caste-based discrimination is almost exclusively against lower castes, the Court could consider leaving out the explicit definition. This may mar the political signalling in the context of what led to the original Court directive but could be considered so as to achieve the overall goal of the new rules. Also, the draft rules of 2025 offered provisions for addressing false complaints. Putting them back in could have a chilling effect on complainants from marginalised sections. But a solution could ensure that only complaints proven to be motivated to frame someone were actionable, not all complaints that were merely unable to prove discrimination.

Green steel can shape India's climate goals trajectory

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India stands at a defining moment. Last year, while addressing COP30 delegates in Belém, Brazil, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav committed the country to submit a revised, more ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). This is an opportunity for the country to position itself as a leader – not just with a revised pledge, but with clear plans for the economy-wide decarbonisation needed to meet it, including in those sectors that are hardest to decarbonise.

No industry is more critical here than steel.

A chance to lead

As one of the largest growing economies, the steel sector is the cornerstone of India's growth, driving infrastructure and industrial development. In fact, to reach the country's latent potential, steel production would need to more than triple from the current approximately 125 million tonnes a year to more than 400 million tonnes by mid-century. This is unprecedented growth in the given time and will surely come at a cost. The sector accounts for around 12% of the country's carbon emissions today, largely due to its continued reliance on coal.

Much like other emerging economies, India faces a twin challenge of ensuring continued development, while meeting long-term climate targets.

Vital to achieving both of these goals will be avoiding locking in high carbon infrastructure. The investments made in the steel sector today will determine the long-term outlook of the steel industry. Absence of ambition on the transition could lock in billions of dollars of carbon inefficient technologies. This would not only be environmentally disastrous but also render the Indian economy unattractive in the medium to long term.

Global markets have spoken. Around the world, we are seeing countries take important strides to transition the steel sector. China, for example, is slated to ramp up its scrap-based secondary steel making production and investment in green hydrogen to reduce reliance on coal in steel making.

Meanwhile, the European Union has been on the de-carbonising journey for around two decades. Its Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is driving the shift to cleaner steel making for those exporting steel to the region.

Countries unable to demonstrate low-carbon production will face steep border charges, risk losing access to premium export markets and being called out as laggards in energy transition that the world really needs to make. Early movers in green steel will secure a decisive competitive advantage. India's steel sector cannot afford to delay. These warnings have long been noted by India's steel sector, which is already taking steps in the right direction. Tata Steel has piloted injection of hydrogen in blast furnaces, scaled renewable power purchase agreements, and explored carbon capture solutions. Meanwhile, JSW Steel and JSPL are exploring green hydrogen integration, while the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is modernising blast furnaces and exploring low-carbon production routes.

> Locking in billions of dollars in carbon inefficient technologies will be environmentally disastrous and harm the Indian economy

This change has been driven from the very top of companies. It requires bold strategic choices and sustained investment in innovation. And while this progress is important, the sector can and should be doing more.

It must move quickly from pilots to demonstration plants, and then to full-scale near zero technologies. Small- and medium-steel manufacturers also have to adapt to the reality of climate emergency by adopting best available technologies and raw materials to produce more carbon efficient steel.

The sector should no longer be investing in business-as-usual high carbon intensive blast furnace technology. All new capacity needs to be low to near zero carbon, as soon as possible.

Policy progress so far

Making these bold moves requires responsible executives and boards to have confidence in the trajectory of the sector. This is where consistent policy signals to guide long-term industrial planning come into play.

India has made important strides to set direction for the steel sector. The release of the government's Greening Steel Roadmap in September last year set a practical pathway for the sector's decarbonisation. This publication of Green Steel Taxonomy in December 2024 made India the first country to formalise such a definition. The National Green Hydrogen Mission, expanding renewable capacity and carbon emission intensity targets for 253 steel units under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), demonstrates momentum.

Yet, a year on from the Taxonomy launch, the policy incentives to really shift investment away from coal-based blast furnaces are yet to materialise and India risks being the only country to continue to add expensive age-old technologies in its economy.

The barriers to green steel are significant but solvable: limited supply and the high cost of green hydrogen; insufficient renewable energy dedicated to industry; limited availability and the informal nature of the scrap market in India; consistent and assured availability of reasonably priced natural gas as the transition fuel; identification and development of natural carbon sinks for sequestration; lack of long-maturity, low-cost debt for green steel projects and the need to de-risk them; and the need for workforce upskilling and technology support. Many of these are challenges of policy and investment, areas where India has demonstrated rapid transformation when it wanted to, as seen in renewable energy over the past decade.

To seize this opportunity, we need the government to act as a fair regulator for the sector and set clear, stringent short-, medium- and long-term carbon emission targets for industry to plan its capital investments. This would include rolling out the carbon price regime at the earliest, which would provide an appropriate mechanism for dispersing this cost of green steel through the value chain.

In Europe we have seen that near zero emission technologies could become viable only after the carbon price reached $90-$100 a tonne of CO_2. India can learn from this experience when it comes to scheduling its own carbon emission targets.

We need to see the Green Steel Taxonomy socialised well, creation of a domestic market through a public procurement policy for green steel and promotion of greener products with appropriate certification mechanisms and labelling in place.

Natural gas will be a transition fuel for the steel industry as it moves towards hydrogen-based production. The government needs to make natural gas availability for the steel sector a priority. Companies would find it difficult to afford infrastructure for green electricity, green hydrogen or pipelines for natural gas or pipelines for evacuation of captured CO_2 on their own. The government needs to set up hubs in key areas for development of green steel where costs of this infrastructure can be shared.

With low-carbon manufacturing capacities having a capital intensity which is approximately 30% to 50% higher, these policies are expedient and become urgent in the Indian paradigm. Steel producers may need some fiscal support too, to make this transition possible. The smaller players will definitely need some additional support to ensure that the transition is equitable.

A strategic imperative

Green steel can no longer be optional. It is central to India's climate goals, economic future, and global leadership in sustainable industrialisation. India has already demonstrated global leadership in renewable energy deployment, climate diplomacy, and clean-tech scaling. Steel is now the next frontier: a critical test and an unprecedented opportunity.

By combining decisive corporate action with a robust, market-aligned policy framework, India can decarbonise steel, secure economic competitiveness, and shape global industrial standards.

The 27th amendment, Pakistan's democratic dilemma

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Last year, between November 12 and 13, Pakistan's legislature passed the 27th Amendment, or PCA, which subsequently received presidential assent. Presented as a measure to reorganise aspects of the military command structure, the amendment has consequences that reach far deeper into the constitutional order. The PCA significantly diminishes the central role of the Supreme Court in Pakistan's constitutional order. By transferring original jurisdiction over constitutional interpretation, fundamental rights and federal-provincial disputes to a newly created Federal Constitutional Court, or FCC, the amendment sidelines the Supreme Court from the most consequential questions of governance.

In recent years, it was precisely this jurisdiction that enabled the top court to adjudicate landmark political cases, including the Panama Papers case and the Memogate controversy. Stripping the top court of this authority not only fragments constitutional adjudication but also weakens its position as the final guardian of the Constitution, leaving it vulnerable to institutional marginalisation under executive influence.

Strains in the region

The passage of the PCA must be viewed against a broader regional backdrop. South Asia is navigating a period marked by political instability, security concerns and institutional strain. These pressures are not confined to national borders. For countries in the Global South, where institutions are often tested by competing imperatives of security and governance, constitutional choices carry long-term consequences.

For India, examining such developments in its neighbourhood is neither voyeuristic nor adversarial. As the region's largest constitutional democracy, India has a direct interest in how constitutional norms evolve – or erode – around it. The weakening of judicial independence or the normalisation of executive dominance elsewhere in South Asia carries cautionary lessons.

> The amendment has consequences that will deeply affect the constitutional order

At the core of constitutional governance lies what English jurist A.V. Dicey famously described as the rule of law, a doctrine premised on the absence of arbitrary power, equality before the law, and the central role of independent courts as sentinels of rights. In Dicey's conception, the law exists to restrain authority, with courts serving as the institutional bridge between power and liberty. It is precisely this equilibrium that the PCA unsettles.

By diluting the Supreme Court's position as the final arbiter of constitutional questions and vesting that authority in a newly-constituted FCC, the PCA risks weakening institutional independence. Courts, in Dicey's framework, are not mere forums for adjudication but constitutional guardians tasked with keeping executive power within bounds.

The federal constitutional court question

It is in this constitutional light that Pakistan's creation of the FCC warrants scrutiny. While specialised courts are not inherently problematic, removing constitutional adjudication from the Supreme Court unsettles a balance that was carefully restored by the 18th Constitutional Amendment. It sought to depoliticise judicial appointments by strengthening the Judicial Commission of Pakistan and also insulated the judiciary from executive dominance.

What is more troubling is the scope that it creates for executive influence over the FCC's composition and functioning. Constitutional courts derive legitimacy from independence, not mere existence. When constitutional interpretation is shifted to a newly constituted forum that is vulnerable to executive preferences, judicial review risks becoming an extension of power.

In early 17th century England, King James I asserted that, as sovereign, he could personally adjudicate disputes. This claim was firmly resisted by Sir Edward Coke, then Chief Justice, who declared that the king was subject to the law and could not sit in judgment. Coke's refusal to allow royal intrusion into judicial proceedings marked a defining moment in constitutional history.

This episode established a principle that continues to animate modern constitutional democracies, that is judicial authority must remain independent of executive will. Courts cannot function as neutral arbiters if they operate under the shadow of political power. The struggle between Coke and James I was not merely personal. It was foundational, affirming that the rule of law requires courts to be insulated, even from well-intentioned rulers.

Why it matters for India

The latter half of the 20th century marked the birth of new nations, as societies emerging from colonial and monarchical pasts embraced written constitutions and republican governance. Constitutional texts became instruments of restraint, designed to bind power. The 21st century, however, presents a more unsettling picture. Across regions, republics are increasingly reshaping their constitutions not to deepen democratic guarantees but to legitimise concentration of power.

The PCA reflects this troubling shift. By reconfiguring judicial authority under the shadow of executive influence, it risks transforming the Constitution from a shield into a tool of governance. In inter-war Europe of the 1930s, democratic breakdown did not occur through abrupt coups but through formally valid legal changes that steadily hollowed out institutions. Power was acquired electorally, and then consolidated by rewriting constitutional checks in the name of stability and necessity.

For India, the lesson is not one of comparison, but of caution. Constitutional democracy does not survive on text alone but on the continued independence of courts, respect for institutional boundaries, and a shared commitment to restraint. How republics treat their Constitutions today will determine whether this century is remembered for democratic renewal, or for the quiet dismantling of the spirit of constitution from within.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Censorship and democracy

The order remanding the issue of grant of censor certificate to the film *Jana Nayagan* will only further delay its release. Apart from the producers of the film being hurt, people too would lose an opportunity to get to know what the film is all about. Freedom of expression, particularly in movies, is important for the dissemination of ideas and views. It is a right guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. The landmark judgment of the Supreme Court, in *S. Rangarajan vs P. Jagjivan Ram* (1989), emphasises in more than one place that freedom of expression cannot be suppressed on account of threats of violence. The Court further held that such an act would "tantamount to negation of the rule of law and a surrender to blackmail and intimidation. It is the duty of the state to protect the freedom of expression since it is a liberty guaranteed by the State."

Though a reasonable restriction can be placed under Article 19(2), it cannot supersede the right itself. The way the situation is going about, it appears as if the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression is subordinate to the restrictions imposed upon it.

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Legends never quit

Novak Djokovic has done it again after four hours and nine minutes of tennis that pushed his body and mind to the limit. It was a testament to resilience, focus, and relentless determination. In those high-pressure moments, Djokovic did not just survive. He thrived.

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Students protesting against the 2026 UGC regulations at Delhi University. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Cracks on campus

Students from the general category or upper castes believe that the UGC's 2026 regulations, introduced mainly to address caste discrimination on campuses, will create a divide and villainise them. They worry about several of its provisions, including the lack of protection against false complaints. While the Supreme Court has stayed the regulations, anger has not yet subsided, report **Abhinay Lakshman** and **Mayank Kumar**

On a crisp January morning, 22-year-old Amit Mishra from Ballia, a first-year student at Lucknow University, marched from the faculty of law to gate number 3 of the campus – a 3-kilometre-walk. He was joined by 60 others. The banners they carried did not bear logos of political parties or student unions or associations.

The students had come together to protest the 2026 regulations of the University Grants Commission (UGC), a statutory body that regulates higher education in India. Called the Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions Regulations, 2026, these rules were introduced primarily to address caste discrimination on campuses across the country.

As protests at the university picked up, demonstrations against the UGC's new regulations intensified – not only in parts of Uttar Pradesh, but in Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttarakhand as well. Claiming that the regulations would "divide" campuses along caste lines and "villainise general category students," the agitators demanded that they be rolled back immediately.

"We cannot permit the future of our upcoming generations to be jeopardised," Mishra said.

What the new regulations say

The 2026 UGC regulations, notified in early January, replaced the version in effect since 2012. In the new regulations, the UGC, for the first time, introduced the term 'caste-based discrimination,' defining it as discrimination on the basis of only caste or tribe against members of "Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Other Backward Classes (OBCs)". This was also the first time that the UGC was explicitly protecting OBC students from caste discrimination. The representation of OBC students on campuses has been rising ever since reservations for the category were introduced in higher education in 2006 and operationalised in the subsequent years.

The UGC introduced this term, along with stricter provisions for grievance redressal mechanisms and institutional accountability, to address concerns that the previous regulations had been inadequate. In 2019, the mothers of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadvi – students from marginalised caste and tribal backgrounds, who had died by suicide in 2016 and 2019, respectively, alleging caste discrimination – had approached the Supreme Court. They had emphasised that it was essential to revisit the 2012 regulations.

After seven years of hearings in the Supreme Court, the UGC notified the new regulations on January 13, 2026. Immediately, protests broke out. Students belonging to the general category principally took issue with the definition of 'caste-based discrimination' and the removal, from the final draft, of provisions to act against complaints believed to be false. They argued that the UGC's definition of caste-based discrimination made clear who could be a potential victim. This, they claimed, discriminated against "general category" or "upper caste" students by leaving them out of its scope. Several leaders from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) also opposed the regulations.

Petitions were filed in the Supreme Court of India, challenging these aspects of the 2026 regulations. On the 16th day of the agitation, a Bench led by the Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, stayed the regulations, calling for the UGC to revert to the 2012 rules.

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>
> **ANIKET GAUTAM**
> Student
> Delhi University

But by this time, the regulations and the discourse around them had already exposed a crack inside campuses along caste lines. Widening for over a decade, this crack simply culminated in a flashpoint this January.

Rising anger

One morning, outside the Delhi University (DU) Arts Faculty building in north Delhi, students shouted, *"Tum jaativad se todoge, hum rashtravad se jodenge* (You break us with casteism, we will unite us through nationalism)". With more than a dozen officers of the Delhi Police keeping watch from across the road, students, mostly men studying law, began gathering at the gate. One of them held up a copy of the new regulations, explaining why these should be protested.

Naveen Pandey, a third-year LLB student at DU's Law Centre 1, pointed to the definition of caste-based discrimination in a copy of the new regulations. "Does the UGC mean to say that caste discrimination is always going to be committed by general category students," he asked. "Are they saying that general category students do not face caste discrimination?"

Another student said, "This will only create further division on campus. Reading this, students from the general category may hang out only with other students from the same category, fearing false complaints."

In front of Lucknow University's Vivekananda Dwar, 489 km away, Mishra said, "These regulations allow swift action against accused students without sufficient safeguards. Our concern is not with acting against genuine offenders; it is that in the absence of provisions, those making false allegations will not be penalised."

Vishal Singh, a sociology student at Lucknow University, added, "As per the regulations, a supposed victim's identity will be kept confidential if requested. This is a big loophole. It will be exploited by divisive elements on campus. It is against the concept of natural justice."

In front of DU too, protesters argued that the secrecy of the complainant's identity would prevent them from defending themselves.

Students agitating against the regulations in Delhi, Lucknow, Varanasi, Allahabad, Gorakhpur, and Meerut said that the protests began to take shape after solidarity groups emerged on social media platforms, including WhatsApp, Instagram, and X, where a "simple gist of the loopholes in the UGC regulations and their likely adverse consequences" were shared.

Protests against the regulations, in Lucknow. SANDEEP SAXENA

Outside the DU's Arts Faculty gate, Pandey pointed to one such chat group. "We left access to the group open so that students from all walks of life could join the protests," he said. "But let me show you what happened within hours of setting it up." He scrolled through the chat till he arrived at one message. It read, "*Jisko* UGC *se appati ho, vo gurukul taraf chale jaye. Wahan toh Dronacharya ji hain* (Whoever has an issue with UGC can just go to a gurukul, or traditional Indian residential education system. There you will also find a Dronacharya)."

Pandey looked up. "What would you call this," he asked. "Is this not caste discrimination against those of the general category and upper castes?"

The message referred to the gurukul run by Dronacharya, a master archer and teacher of warcraft, in the Hindu epic, *Mahabharata*. Dronacharya was precluded from teaching anyone but the royal Kshatriyas of the kingdom of Hastinapur. The obligation forced him to refuse training to Eklavya, who belonged to a caste considered lower than the Kshatriyas.

He then scrolled further till he found another message, by a fellow student of the law centre, mocking the reservations for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), introduced in 2019 by the Union government. Pandey said, "They call it the Sudama quota and make fun of us by calling us 'Sudama quota *wale*'. [Sudama, a poor Brahmin, is known as Lord Krishna's childhood friend in the *Mahabharata*.] Can we file a complaint against this under 'caste-based discrimination'?"

In one of the petitions filed before the Supreme Court challenging the 2026 regulations, Mrityunjay Tiwari, a post-doctoral researcher at the Banaras Hindu University, has cited slogans and graffiti in higher educational institutions as signs of caste discrimination against general category students or upper castes. The petition referred to slogans such as 'Brahmins leave the campus' being graffitied in December 2022 on a wall inside Jawaharlal Nehru University, and 'Brahmin-Baniyawad Murdabad (Down with Brahminism-Baniyawad)' being raised at Ashoka University in Haryana in 2024.

It also recalled chants by the Birsa Ambedkar Phule Students' Association in Jawaharlal Nehru University last year, echoing the Mandal-era slogan "*tilak-taraazu-aur talwar, inko maaro joote chaar*" – which means that the vermilion mark representing Brahmins, the balance scales representing the Baniyas or trading community, and the sword representing the Kshatriyas or warrior class should be hit with shoes.

"I can promise you that the students chanting these slogans do not understand the difference between Brahmanwad (Brahminism) and Brahmins," Pandey said, asserting that there is only one way of perceiving these slogans – hostility towards upper caste people. "How will these regulations help us report these complaints as caste-based discrimination?"

Neha Upadhyay, a first year LLB student at DU, who was among the few women at the protest, added that these new regulations "are further dividing the campus into caste categories". Explaining why she was at the protest, Upadhyay pointed to an incident she had seen on social media. "In Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), a reserved category student complained of caste discrimination when a general category woman he had asked out on a date rejected him. How is this okay," she asked.

On January 29, the SRCC put out a public statement. Acknowledging the rumours circulating on social media, it clarified that "no such alleged act/incident has been reported in the college".

Being 'casteist'

While the protests highlight the divide between the reserved and unreserved categories, this rift has been shaping experiences of students across higher education campuses for a few decades now. The death of Vemula in 2016 accelerated the formation and activism of student groups such as the Ambedkar Periyar Phule Student Circle, which advocate for stricter implementation of the 2012 anti-discrimination guidelines.

Even as Dalit, Bahujan, and Adivasi students narrated their lived experiences of caste discrimination – manifested in derision towards reserved categories, caste-based questioning, and "casteist" remarks passed off as "ice-breakers" – those from the unreserved category, or students from the general category or upper castes, said that it is they who are facing discrimination on campuses.

A 2019-20 student survey conducted among about 550 undergraduate students in the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, had found that 11% of respondents across the SC, ST, OBC, and general categories reported knowing professors or administrative staff who had made casteist remarks. The survey added that 6% of general category respondents, 9% of OBC respondents, and 26% of SC and ST respondents had reported this.

Observing the protesters chanting slogans outside the DU campus, Aniket Gautam, a postgraduate student at the political science department, said, "I come from an SC background. I entered DU with a score of over 80%. I remember the remarks I had received for 'gobbling up a seat' because I had availed myself of the reservation. Some people even said they wished they could get SC certificates to enter college campuses."

Gautam, who is associated with the Students' Federation of India, a Left-affiliated outfit, added, "If they want to label these casteist remarks 'banter,' should we also say that referring to a 'Sudama quota' is banter? How is the EWS quota anything but a reservation for upper castes?"

Yet, a few dozen metres away, Pandey asked, "With these new regulations in place, would we ever be able to have free and democratic political discourse? We are terrified of what will happen when universities like DU hold student union elections. Will allegations made by some general students in the heat of campaigning be understood as caste discrimination?"

Drawing comparisons

While the agitation largely centred on the claim that the 2026 regulations divide campuses, some protesting students have also called for explicit representation of the general category in the monitoring and accountability mechanisms that the UGC plans to establish as part of the regulations.

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> **NAVEEN PANDEY**
> Student, Delhi University

However, largely, the protesting students said that the 2012 regulations are better than the 2026 ones. Other sections of society also believe this, though for the opposite reason: they argue that the new regulations have diluted the definition of 'discrimination,' leaving its determination open to interpretation.

The 2012 regulations had defined 'discrimination' and covered varied forms of it, including specific types of discrimination faced by SC and ST students. On the other hand, the 2026 regulations have introduced the term 'caste-based discrimination' and shortened the definition of 'discrimination'. They have eliminated a sub-section on the types of discriminations faced by SC and ST students at various stages of their university education, such as admissions and interviews.

The 2026 regulations have provided for institutions to set up equity squads and equity committees, calling for fair representation in these mechanisms of SCs, STs, OBCs, minority groups, women, and persons with disabilities. The 2012 regulations had provided for the assignment of just one official as a liaison officer on campuses to monitor implementation of regulations.

The 2026 regulations also have stricter accountability measures, prescribing punishments for institutions found not following these rules. These include loss of accreditation and being debarred from offering degrees. These provisions were absent in the 2012 version.

While hearing petitions seeking the strengthening of the 2012 regulations, the Supreme Court was informed about the status of their implementation, including the establishment of SC/ST Cells and Equal Opportunity Cells (EOCs). According to an affidavit submitted to the Court by the UGC, only 3,522 higher educational institutions out of more than 50,000 in India had responded to the regulatory authority's call for reporting. Of these, 3,067 had set up an EOC and 3,273 had set up an SC/ST Cell.

But even as the Court stayed the 2026 regulations, the anger has not subsided. There are calls for a Bharat Bandh, or nationwide strike, on February 1, demanding a full rollback of the 2026 regulations. This anger has largely been directed towards the BJP by upper caste groups in parts of north India, particularly U.P., which is heading towards Assembly elections in 2027.

As Asad Rizvi, a Lucknow-based political observer, noted, "Upper castes are the core voter base of the BJP and the key driver of the party's success in the State. Upper caste office bearers of the party have even resigned from party posts in some districts, expressing displeasure with the UGC regulations. If they think the ruling party is not protecting their broader interests, it may negatively impact the BJP regime."

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SC: menstrual health in schools an integral right

Schools must establish 'MHM corners' equipped with, spare innerwear, spare uniforms, disposable bags and other necessary materials to address menstruation-related exigencies.

"A girl child's expectation to manage her menstruation in privacy with dignity is legitimate. In such circumstances, the lack of resources cannot be permitted to govern her autonomy over her own body," the court noted. It said MHM was not limited to traditionally understood sanitation, but included bodily autonomy and decisional freedom.

"The denial of adequate facilities, appropriate sanitary products, or privacy effectively compels a girl child to manage her body in a manner dictated by circumstance rather than choice. Autonomy can be meaningfully exercised only when girl children have access to functional toilets, adequate menstrual products, availability of water, and hygienic mechanisms for disposal," the court observed.

The court said the state cannot force a child to choose between dignity and her education. Such a choice was neither just nor equitable. The failure to provide sanitary napkins created a gender-specific barrier that impedes attendance and continuity in education, thereby defeating the substantive guarantee of free and compulsory education.

In a separate section on the role of 'men in menstruation', the apex court said it was crucial to educate and sensitise male teachers and students about the "biological reality of menstruation" in order to avoid any sort of harassment or invasive questioning of a menstruating student in school.

The court held that the State concerned would be held accountable if government-run schools did not comply with Section 19 (norms and standards for schools, including separate washrooms for boys and girls and barrier-free access) of the Right to Education (RTE) Act.

Similarly, private schools would be de-recognised and face consequences if they did not comply with similar norms prescribed under the RTE Act, the court said.

Terror module planned to hit coffee chain

The Red Fort car explosion was preceded by a 20-day-long probe by the J&K Police to find a "terror module" linked to two terror outfits – the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and the AguH – after a JeM pamphlet surfaced in Srinagar on October 19, 2025.

The poster, which asked local people not to cooperate with the police, and refuse them entry in their shops, led the J&K Police to a cleric in Shopian, and the unravelling of the alleged terror plot and discovery of 2,900 kg of explosive substances and sophisticated weapons during raids in Faridabad on November 9, 2025 and November 10, 2025. The JeM is a banned Pakistan-based terror organisation.

"The accused watched online videos and intended to create bombs from scratch. That is why thousands of kilos of urea bags were recovered from them. They had experimented a lot by mixing various chemicals, ensuring that the bombs are prepared from locally available materials, thereby not raising any red flags," the source said.

Nabi likely hurriedly assembled around 40 kg explosives in the car which exploded near the Red Fort on November 10, 2025, the second official added. The action was likely hastened after other members of his group were arrested.

The case is at present being probed by the National Investigation Agency, which has arrested nine persons so far, including the three doctors.

Earlier, the J&K Police had recovered a 1.20-minute video clip from Nabi's phone, where he is seen talking about the act of suicide bombing.

In the video clip, recovered from one of his phones dumped in a ditch near his house in Pulwama, he is seen speaking about "martyrdom operations" in a heavy English accent. There were multiple such videos in his phone, the second official said.

Sunetra Pawar set to be first woman Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra

CM says govt. will support NCP decision; Parth Pawar likely to replace his mother as a Rajya Sabha MP; reunification not a priority, says NCP leader Bhujbal, even as some NCP-SP leaders push for it

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
BARAMATI/MUMBAI

Sunetra Pawar, wife of the deceased Nationalist Congress Party leader Ajit Pawar, is set to become the first woman Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

The NCP plans to hold its Legislature Party meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday to choose its new Legislature Party leader to replace Mr. Pawar.

A small swearing-in ceremony is likely to happen after that, top sources from the NCP told *The Hindu* on Friday.

Political developments quickened in Maharashtra on Friday, three days after the sudden death of Mr. Pawar, the NCP chief and the State's Deputy CM, in an air crash at Baramati. His wife is currently the party's sitting Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha.

NCP-SP leader Supriya Sule and NCP leader Sunetra Pawar during the last rites of Ajit Pawar in Pune on Thursday. EMMANUAL YOGINI

'Unanimous choice'

"There is no question of any other name. We are all unanimous that Sunetra Pawar will have to keep aside her grief and accept the position of Legislature Party leader. We will inform the Chief Minister thereafter. And the swearing-in ceremony for the position of the Deputy Chief Minister will take place," Chhagan Bhujbal, senior NCP leader and State Cabinet Minister told *The Hindu* in Mumbai.

NCP State president Sunil Tatkare said, "We have called a meeting of our legislature party leaders tomorrow at 2 p.m. We expect that she will remain present. We are going to speak with Sunetra *vahini* tonight. She has been busy with the religious rituals so far." The decision on the national president is not the priority at present, a leader said.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that his BJP-led government would support the NCP's decision. "They held a meeting with me twice. The final decision will be taken by their party. We will support them in whatever decision they take," he said.

NCP leaders Praful Patel, Sunil Tatkare, Chhagan Bhujbal, and Dhananjay Munde met Mr. Fadnavis at his official bungalow earlier in the day on Friday for a meeting that lasted an hour. "We want to take the decision of appointing a Legislature Party leader soon. There is no difference in the opinion of the party and the public sentiment about who our next leader should be. We want to take this decision at the earliest. Please give us some time to talk with Sunetra Pawar," Mr. Patel said.

Ajit Pawar's elder son Parth Pawar is likely to become a Rajya Sabha MP, replacing his mother.

Reunification rumors

Meanwhile, the NCP seemed split over speculation about the reunification of the party with the NCP-SP, a faction headed by Ajit Pawar's uncle, veteran politician Sharad Pawar.

Maharashtra Minister Narhari Zhirwal was among the NCP leaders who expressed their desire that the two NCPs should reunite immediately.

"This was Ajit *dada*'s last wish. Whenever he would meet me, he would say that he was restless that *saaheb* had to go through this pain at this age. He wanted both the parties to reunite," senior NCP-SP leader Ankush Kakde said in Pune. A senior NCP leader close to the Pawar family in Baramati also said that the parties would reunite soon.

Mr. Bhujbal, however, said he was not aware of any such proposal or sentiments. "Right now, our priority is to appoint a Legislature Party leader. That is what we are going to do as a party," he said. NCP sources hinted that the BJP would have to be consulted before any discussion of reunification.

Local body polls postponed to February 7: SEC

MUMBAI

The Maharashtra State Election Commission has postponed the Zilla Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections to February 7 from February 5. "Counting of votes will be done on February 9," it said. This is in view of the three-day mourning declared in the State following Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's demise.

Kerala for All: 2-day conclave will focus on inclusive tourism

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

'Kerala for All,' a two-day knowledge conclave on inclusive and accessible tourism convened by the Kerala Tourism in partnership with *The Hindu Group*, will begin at the Hotel Grand Hyatt, Kochi, on Saturday.

Policymakers, industry leaders, designers, economists, accessibility practitioners, and travellers will share the stage on the first day as it will bring together policy intent, expert perspectives, lived experience, and design practice to debate the central question of what it will take to make tourism truly inclusive.

Minister for Public Works and Tourism P. A. Mohamed Riyas will deliver the keynote address at 10.30 a.m.

Suresh Nambath, Editor, *The Hindu*, will deliver the welcome address.

The opening session, 'What Makes Tourism Truly Inclusive', will bring together perspectives from design and hospitality to examine inclusion as a principle that must inform every stage of the tourism journey. It will be followed by a session on 'Kerala's Responsible Tourism Legacy,' reflecting on the State's commitment to sustainable tourism models.

The session on 'Accessible and Inclusive Reflections' from global best practices for tourism will examine how destinations across the world have built accessible tourism systems.

The session on 'Voices from the Road: Lived Realities of Diverse Travellers' will highlight the challenges faced by travellers. Minister for Industries P. Rajeeve will give a special address on 'The Role of Industries in Advancing Inclusive and Accessible Tourism in Kerala'.

Community impact

The session on 'Integrated Inclusive Tourism: Economic Impact, Community Participation and Policy Synergy' will focus on the perspectives on economic impact, community participation, and policy synergy. The sessions on 'Accessibility First: Designing Tourism without Barriers' and 'Designing Accessible Spaces: Infrastructure, Transport and Public Areas' will bring together architects, urban designers, planners, and accessibility experts. The final session of the first day, 'Integrating Accessibility and Inclusion into Sustainable Tourism: Challenges, Gaps, and the Way Forward', will outline pathways for bridging gaps.

Svayam, an Indian non-profit championing barrier-free and inclusive environments, is the Knowledge Partner for the event.

Will ensure justice for all, says BJP on UGC rules row

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Union government is committed to ensuring justice for all on the issue of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations the BJP said on Friday adding that it would not allow injustice to anyone.

"Since the matter is under consideration in the Supreme Court and the court has issued a stay order, it is not appropriate to comment on it. However, one thing is clear – the party's view is that we will not allow injustice to be done to anyone, and our government is committed to ensuring justice for all," BJP MP and spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said.

UGC equity rules flow from Article 15's mandate to remedy historical injustice

NEWS ANALYSIS

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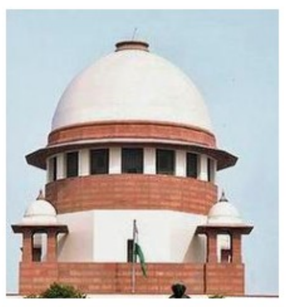
NEW DELHI

Petitioners in the Supreme Court have said that the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026 are based on an "unfounded presumption" that caste discrimination is "uni-directional".

They argue that the 2026 Regulations wrongly imagine that only members of Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) are affected by caste bigotry.

The stimulus behind the 2026 Regulations was a petition filed jointly by the mothers of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadvi in the Supreme Court against "rampant" caste discrimination in higher education institutions. Vemula, a PhD scholar at Hyderabad Central University, and Tadvi, a tribal student of the TN Topiwala National Medical College, died by suicide in January 2016 and May 2019, respectively, after being subjected to caste biases on campus.

The oral arguments raised against the new Regulations in the apex court, which led to a stay on January 29, did not cover situations in which Dalit students face discrimination or ostracisation from the faculty and college administration. Lawyers for the



Petitioners have argued that the 2026 Regulations champion reverse discrimination.

petitioners dwelt on upper caste freshers being "ragged" by Scheduled Caste college seniors.

The petitioners have accused the 2026 Regulations of championing reverse discrimination. They argued that the definition of 'caste-based discrimination' in clause 3(c) was "restrictive and exclusionary", leaving general category individuals unprotected under the statutory framework.

The court has framed questions, including whether the definition of caste-based discrimination in Clause 3(c) bore a reasonable and rational link to the Regulations' objective to promote "full equity and inclusion" in higher education institutions.

However, the 2026 Regulations draw their strength from Article 15 (non-discrimination) of the Constitution. The inclusion of the provision is testimony to the historical oppression faced by marginalised communities for centuries. Article 15(1) imposes an enforceable obligation on the State to not discriminate against citizens on any of several grounds, including caste. Article 15(2) was adopted to specifically prohibit the discrimination faced by marginalised communities in accessing public services and resources.

In its judgment in the *Sukanya Shantha* case, the apex court, while dealing with caste discrimination within prisons, upheld the principle of substantive equality, that is, the law must endeavour to correct historical injustices.

"The pervasive influence of caste necessitates continuous efforts to ensure equality and justice for all citizens," the Supreme Court had observed.

Will eject infiltrators one by one, says Shah in poll-bound Assam

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Stepping up his attack on the Congress ahead of Assam's Assembly elections this year, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday accused the party of changing the State's demography for vote-bank politics and asserted that only the BJP could "eject illegal immigrants, one by one".

Addressing a public gathering in eastern Assam's Dibrugarh after laying the foundation stone for a second complex of the State Legislative Assembly and launching multiple development projects worth ₹1,700 crore, Mr. Shah said infiltration posed a serious threat to the State's culture, land, and identity.

Amit Shah

He indicated that the BJP wanted Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to continue for a second consecutive term to give shape to the Centre's goal of "ejecting the *ghuspethiye* (infiltrators), one by one" from Assam.

"For the sake of vote-bank politics, the Congress used infiltrators as a weapon to rule. The BJP government, first under Sarbananda Sonowal and then under Himanta Biswa Sarma, took steps to reverse the demographic change and freed 1.26 lakh acres of land from Bangladeshi infiltrators," the Home Minister said.

PM Modi speaks to Venezuela's acting President Rodriguez

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NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with Venezuela's acting President Delcy Rodriguez on Friday and the two leaders agreed to take the bilateral relations to new heights in the years ahead.

The phone call between Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Modi was the first since the capture of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his wife by the U.S.

"Spoke with Acting President of Venezuela, Ms. Delcy Rodriguez," Mr. Modi said in a post on X. "We agreed to further deepen and expand our bilateral partnership in all areas, with a shared vision of taking India-Venezuela relations to new heights in the years ahead," he added.

Delcy Rodriguez

Norms modified for IPS officers taking up IG posts at Centre

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has made a two-year Central deputation for Indian Police Service (IPS) officers at the rank of Superintendent of Police (SP) and Deputy Inspector General (DIG) compulsory to be eligible for posting as Inspector General of Police (IGP) with the Union Government. The order applies to IPS officers from the 2011 batch onward.

In a letter dated January 28 to the Chief Secretaries of all States, the MHA outlined a "modification in guidelines for empanelment of officers of IPS for holding IG post at the Centre."

The letter conveyed that a minimum of two years of Central experience at SP/DIG or equivalent level will be mandatory for empanelment of IPS officers at IG/equivalent level at the Centre from the 2011 batch onwards. The Ministry asked States to bring the clause to the notice of all IPS officers posted in their cadre.

The modification to the guidelines comes days after Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan wrote to States urging them to send more IPS officers on Central deputation, noting that though the State Governments send names for senior-most ranks, they do not propose names for appointment to the posts of SP to IGP.

Before an AIS officer is called for Central deputation, his or her concurrence and a clearance from the State government are required. As of December 23, 2025, of 229 sanctioned SP-level posts, 104 are vacant. At the DIG-level, of 256 sanctioned posts, 69 were vacant.

‘Labour intensive sectors to benefit from EU-India FTA’

Commerce Minister says India only negotiating FTAs with developed countries, no question of rethink on RCEP; while the European Union indicated the agreement sent a political message to the U.S., he says India’s only message is its growth story; Goyal adds that the EU-India FTA would be implemented in calendar year 2026 and the government has concluded eight FTAs covering 37 countries

INTERVIEW

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Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership, the Union government has only done free trade agreements (FTA) with developed economies and countries that complement India, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said, contrasting them to the ASEAN-led RCEP that he blamed the UPA government for beginning negotiations with. Mr. Goyal said the FTA with the EU was done quickly because he has the “confidence and guidance” of the Prime Minister. Edited excerpts:

Did the EU-India FTA get fast-tracked because of [concerns over] U.S. measures like tariffs?

Not at all. We are able to do [FTA deals] fast because we are very clear in our mind. We don’t have any ambiguity in our thinking or in the leadership. We completed deals with the UAE and New Zealand quickly, and there was no pressure there.

Prime Minister Modi is very confident that India should become a developed country by 2047. If we have to be a developed and prosperous country, we have to open and engage with the world. No country in the world has become a developed country by shutting its doors or looking inward.

The EU FTA engagement started in 2021 and in mid-2022, we launched and [began negotiations]. So, they took the decision way before any other circumstances came up, to speed up the FTA.

EU leaders said that the FTA is a “political message” to those who are increasing their tariffs right now... Don’t they mean the U.S.?

They may look at it that way, we don’t look at it that way. The growth story of India is the message. We don’t have to give any new messages beyond that.

The deal also includes a provision on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). How was that worked out?

We all discussed and worked on this deal with a spirit of accommodation and trust in each other. Today, they trust the political stability they’ve seen in India and that trust helps us to speak as friends, even jostle and argue and fight as friends, but knowing full well that it’s all in the best interests of both countries and expanding engagement between both countries.

Would it be correct to say this is a pragmatic deal, but maybe not the “mother of all deals”? It leaves out issues like sensitive agricultural products...

All my deals are pragmatic.

SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

It’s silly to have a deal that is not pragmatic. They [the EU] did a deal with Mercosur [a South American grouping] in 2019, and it took them six years to approve it. In all my deals, we start by laying out the red lines on their side and on our side and we decide to capture the low-hanging fruits. Why do you want to struggle over things which are not going to happen? So, we are smart negotiators, and we’ve been successful.

Do you expect the same kind of trouble that they’ve had with the Mercosur FTA, with France, for example, over agricultural issues?

No, no. All 27 countries have welcomed it. France is in fact at the forefront of demanding that we close this deal quickly. They have demanded it. They are demanding that we operationalise it fast, so there’s some talk that we should use AI to translate it to 24 [European] languages.

Are you hopeful that many exporters of apparel and jewellery hit by the U.S.’s 50% tariffs will be able to benefit now from the FTA with the EU?

The potential [of the EU FTA] on labour intensive sectors, where we’ve got huge wins, is about $35 billion. Out of the $35 billion, $33.5 billion will become 0% duty on day 1.

All these years, there have been questions of why Bangladesh earns $30 billion in exports to the EU and India cannot do it, why Vietnam has such high exports to EU. The logic was simple. Bangladesh had 0% duty, being a Least Developed Country (LDC) and Vietnam had an FTA.

Will the EU-India FTA be wrapped up in 2026?

Yes, it will be implemented in calendar year 2026.

In fact, while we [Indian and European teams] were having informal discussions over lunch, that’s when this issue came up: We should look at faster operationalisation, they said. We are ready to operationalise. We’ve already got Cabinet approval.

Is it now time to reassess India’s walkout from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)?

RCEP was the most stupid decision that the UPA government had thrown India into. It was an anti-national act to throw us under the bus and put us through RCEP negotiations. Originally, RCEP never included India. It was China, the 10 nations of ASEAN, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. We already had an FTA with ASEAN, Japan, and Korea, all very poorly negotiated. Till date, we have not been able to grow our exports there.

RCEP was basically an FTA between China and India, which would have demolished India’s manufacturing sector, it would have demolished the MSMEs. We would today have been an importing nation, with no jobs in manufacturing. We would have become a B-team of China, as have many other RCEP nations which have seen a huge increase in imports from China post-RCEP. There’s no question of revisiting our decision.

We are doing deals with developed nations. We have done eight FTAs in this government, covering 37 countries. All of them are with developed nations. We have not done deals with our competitors.

Regarding the UAE FTA, there was a lot of promise but the latest studies say that exports have remained more or less the same while imports have doubled...

The imports have increased in what we are in any case going to import: oil and gold. We have given a concession to them in gold because there was no other way we could balance the FTA. They have nothing to offer us except dates, nothing that they can export.

Regarding our exports, look at the figures the day the FTA came into force and today, and you’ll see a massive increase in non-gold and non-petroleum exports. So, our interests are in those sectors because those are the job-creating sectors.

Modi opposed MGNREGA as it was associated with the Mahatma: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leaders take part in a march against the repeal of the MGNREGA, in New Delhi on Friday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The Congress on Friday stepped up its attack on the Union government over the repeal of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), alleging that Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not want a law associated with Mahatma Gandhi to endure or guarantee people a legal right to work.

The charge was made by Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh at a protest held at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) office. Senior party leaders and workers had taken out a march from 24 Akbar Road, towards Gandhi Smriti, protesting what they described as the “constitutional right to work being snatched away by the Modi government”. The march, however, was stopped by the Delhi Police before it could reached its destination.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Ramesh said, “The Modi government has scrapped the MGNREGA by running a bulldozer over it.”

“MGNREGA was a constitutional right, providing a legal guarantee of employment to the people. This law strengthened panchayats. For the first time, money was delivered to every family through DBT [direct benefit transfer],” Mr. Ramesh said, adding, “But this law has been scrapped because Narendra Modi does not want this law, connected with Mahatma Gandhi *ji*, to continue for long. He does not want people to get their rights.”

Congress media and publicity department head Pawan Khera said the party was firmly resisting the move. “A government that insults the country’s farmers, labourers, and youth cannot remain in power for long. Narendra Modi should understand that his government will have to pay the price for this,” he said.

Mr. Ramesh further argued that while the MGNREGA had benefited lakhs of families by conferring a legal right to employment, its provisions were now being “eroded”. The Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) scheme, he said, diluted the “original spirit” of the UPA-era legislation.

Mahatma Gandhi’s ideas cannot be erased, says Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his death anniversary, in New Delhi.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Friday said Mahatma Gandhi was “not just a person, but a way of thinking” that an empire, forces of hatred, and the “arrogance of power” had tried but failed to erase.

Paying tributes on Martyrs’ Day, the Opposition leader said Mahatma Gandhi was the “immortal soul of India”. “Mahatma Gandhi is not just a person, but a way of thinking that an empire, an ideology of hatred, and an arrogance of power have all unsuccessfully tried to erase at different points in time,” Mr. Rahul Gandhi said in a post on social media platform X. The Father of the Nation had bequeathed to India the principle that “the power of truth is greater than the power of authority”, and that “non-violence and courage are greater than violence and fear”, he added.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that the Father of the Nation’s path was the antidote to division. “The hatred that separated us from Bapu, its solution also lies in Bapu’s path. The light of truth, the power of non-violence, and the compassion of love,” Mr. Kharge said in a post on X.

Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh recalled letters written in 1948 by Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to Syama Prasad Mookerjee, sharply criticising the activities of the Hindu Mahasabha and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh after Mahatma Gandhi’s assassination.

His personality and deeds will continue to inspire people: PM

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NEW DELHI

Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan, Narendra Modi pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Smriti, in New Delhi on Friday. PMO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his death anniversary, saying his call for *swadeshi* was the fundamental principle for a developed India.

Mr. Modi said Mahatma Gandhi always laid strong emphasis on *swadeshi*, which was also a fundamental pillar of the government’s resolve for a developed and self-reliant India. “My tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, on his death anniversary,” Mr. Modi said in a post on X.

“His personality and deeds will forever continue to inspire the people of the country to walk the path of duty,” he added.

Later, Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan and Mr. Modi attended a prayer meeting at Gandhi Smriti.

After the prayer meet, Mr. Modi wrote on X that Bapu’s life gave hope to millions.

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Is it RTI’s turn to get murdered, asks Kharge as Survey suggests a relook

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Mallikarjun Kharge

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday accused the Narendra Modi-led government of systematically weakening the Right to Information (RTI) Act, a day after the Economic Survey called for a “re-examination” of the transparency law.

The Economic Survey argued that the RTI Act may require re-examination. It suggested exempting confidential service records and exploratory or draft policy discussions from disclosure by introducing a possible “ministerial veto”.

He said these recommendations reflected an intent to dilute public accountability.

He alleged that the BJP government had been weakening the RTI framework since coming to power in 2014. He pointed to the pendency of over 26,000 RTI cases as of 2025 and recalled amendments introduced in 2019 that allowed the Centre to determine the tenure and salaries of Information Commissioners, which, he claimed, undermined their independence.

Mr. Kharge also criticised the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, saying it diluted the RTI Act’s public interest clause. According to him, the law had been used to “weaponise privacy” to block information and shield wrongdoing from scrutiny.

Referring to institutional vacancies, Mr. Kharge said the Central Information Commission (CIC) had functioned without a Chief Information Commissioner until December 2025, marking the seventh instance in the past 11 years when the post was left vacant. He described this as a deliberate attempt to weaken the transparency regime.

Drawing a parallel with the Centre’s approach to welfare schemes, Mr. Kharge asked whether the RTI Act would meet the same fate as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. “After killing MGNREGA, is it RTI’s turn to get murdered?” he asked.

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INBRIEF

2 Wow Momo managers held in Kolkata warehouse fire case

Two officials of the Wow Momo restaurant chain were arrested on Friday in the Anandapur warehouse fire case which left 25 dead and several missing. Wow Momo manager Raja Chakraborty and deputy manager Manoranjan Sheet were arrested in connection with the fire at Anandapur's Nazirabad locality in Eastern Kolkata. The decorator who owned a godown at the site, Gangadhar Das, was arrested on January 28. The Prime Minister has condoled the tragedy and announced an *ex-gratia* of ₹2 lakh for the families of the deceased, ₹50,000 for the injured.

Unions question SC comment on industrial stagnation

Central Trade Unions, in separate statements on Friday, condemned a Supreme Court Bench's recent observation blaming "aggressive trade unionism" for industrial stagnation. The trade unions said the right to association is a fundamental right guaranteed under Article 19(1)(c) of the Indian Constitution. "This right is regulated by the Trade Unions Act, 1926 (together with subsequent amendments), which provides for registration and legal immunity for union activities. It enables collective bargaining and representation of workers' interests," said Centre of Indian Trade Unions general secretary Elamaram Kareem. The All India Trade Union Congress, also firmly rejected the observation.

Govt. hiding information on Nicobar project: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday accused the Narendra Modi government of "bulldozing" the Great Nicobar infrastructure project by bringing in private players even as key details are withheld from the public on the grounds of national security.

Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh, in a post on X, shared a media report that claimed the Centre is moving ahead with its plan to develop the Galathea Bay International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands under a public-private partnership (PPP) framework.

Mr. Ramesh, a former Environment Minister, said the project was being pushed through despite mounting evidence that it would have "disastrous ecological impacts" and petitions challenging the alleged flouting of environmental and other laws are pending in the courts. "There is absolutely no mystery of which private conglomerate the Ministry has in mind while making this recommendation," he said.

Stem cell therapy cannot be offered as a clinical service for autism: Supreme Court

The SC says without scientific evidence on efficacy and safety of such therapy, informed consent not possible; it questions the Centre for not acting against those promoting such 'miraculous cure'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

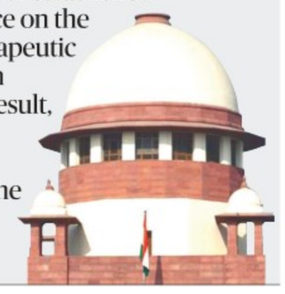
Stem cell 'therapies' cannot be offered as a clinical service for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), outside of an approved and monitored clinical trial or research setting, the Supreme Court held in a judgment on Friday.

A Bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan criticised the Union government for its failure to act against those offering such therapies, which has led parents and guardians to seek an unproven method of treatment for their children suffering from ASD at a huge financial cost.

The court directed the government to constitute a dedicated authority for regulatory oversight over stem cell research across the country.

The Bench held that the therapeutic use of stem cells in ASD cases, based on uncertain scientific knowledge or evidence about its effectiveness as a cure or the possible repercussions, would fail the "reasonable standard of care" that doctors owed their patients.

> There is a dearth of established scientific evidence on the efficacy and safety of therapeutic use of stem cells in Autism Spectrum Disorder. As a result, the doctors do not have 'adequate information' to provide their patients in the first place
> SUPREME COURT



"There is a dearth of established scientific evidence on the efficacy and safety of stem cells in ASD. As a result, the doctors do not have 'adequate information' to provide their patients in the first place," the court observed.

The court clarified that parents, guardians, and caregivers cannot demand that stem-cell therapy be administered as a clinical service.

"Even consent obtained from patients would not be valid as the prerequisite to disclose adequate information cannot be satisfied," the court said.

Though consent is a mode of exercising patient autonomy, it cannot be "stretched to seek an entitlement to subject oneself to a clinical procedure that is scientifically unvalidated, ethically impermissible, and outside the bounds of reasonable medical practice", the court reasoned

Besides, the court said, 'consent' means an "informed authorisation, grounded in adequate disclosure of the nature, procedure, purpose, benefits, effects, alternatives, substantial risks; and adverse consequences of refusing treatment".

The judgment came on the basis of a series of petitions raising concerns about the rampant promotion, prescription and administration of stem cell therapy for the treatment of ASD by clinics across the country.

The petitioners argued that though stem cell therapy itself is in an experimental stage, it was being touted as a 'treatment' and 'cure' for ASD.

They noted that people diagnosed with ASD and their caregivers place their implicit faith in centres offering stem cell therapy in the hope of a "miraculous cure".

The petitions argued that there was also a lapse on the part of the government in allowing such stem cell therapies, which were in violation of the New Drugs and Clinical Trial Rules, 2019.

AI summit is attracting global interest, says Vaishnaw

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The India AI Impact Summit 2026, being organised by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) from February 16 to 20, has received a phenomenal response from across the world, and is shaping up to be the biggest such event so far globally, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Friday.

At a press conference, Mr. Vaishnaw referred to the recent interactions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with industry leaders, developers, and innovators working across the AI value chain, including models, applications, and infrastructure, noting that these engagements reflected the systematic progress of India's AI ecosystem and a strong focus on deployment-led solutions.

Leading IT companies had developed over 200 focused and sector-specific AI models, which were expected to be launched during the summit, the Minister said.

Investments worth nearly $70 billion were already flowing into the AI infrastructure layer, the Minister said.

Farmers' body set to campaign against India-EU trade deal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Terming the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA) a blueprint for economic colonisation, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella body of farmers' organisations, on Friday announced campaigns against it. The FTA would lead to systematic capture of the vast Indian market by corporates, decimate domestic agriculture and industry, and ruin employment opportunities in India, the SKM said in a statement.

"The Government of India has agreed to completely eliminate import duty on olive oil, margarine and other vegetable oils, fruit juices and non-alcoholic beer, processed food (breads, pastries, biscuits, pasta, chocolate, pet food), and sheep meat, and reduced import duty on wine from 150% to 20% & 30%, spirits from 150% to 40%, beer from 110% to 50%, kiwis and pears from 33% to 10%, and sausages and other meat preparations from 110% to 50%. Though the agriculture sector is not as open as claimed by the GOI, the opening of the processed food market will have a larger and disastrous impact on domestic agriculture production and small farmers," the SKM said.

The Prime Minister and Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal yielded to the EU pressure to maintain its expensive sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) barriers to block agricultural exports from India, while using the FTA to dilute India's own standards to ease the entry of their produce, the SKM said.

High tap coverage under Jal Jeevan scheme, but lower usage, reliability

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Almost 98% of rural households covered by the Har Ghar Jal scheme now have taps, but the numbers are significantly lower when it comes to usage and reliability of these taps, according to a periodic survey on public satisfaction with the scheme, commissioned by the Jal Shakti Ministry.

The survey, called the Functionality Assessment of Household Tap Connections, was undertaken in 2024 by private firm IPSOS. It is the third periodic evaluation of the scheme, which effectively started in 2020 and comprises a detailed survey of a small section – 2.37 lakh households – of the 19.3 crore rural households that the scheme covers across India.

The Har Ghar Jal scheme aims to provide 55 litres of potable water per person everyday. Except for Tripura (43%), the overwhelming majority of States reported more than 85% satisfaction with water quality.

The scheme's website says 2.72 lakh of India's 5.8 lakh villages are 'Har Ghar Jal' villages.

Low water flow

Nearly all, or 98% of households in the sample, said water was "available," meaning they had a tap to receive water. However, only 83% said they had actually got water through that tap at least once in the seven days prior to the survey. Goa, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, and several Union Territories reported over 97% availability, while Bihar (61%), Uttar Pradesh (72%), and Nagaland (74%) were at the lower end.

Only 80% of households reported getting the sanctioned minimum of 55 litres of water, with Sikkim (24%) and Gujarat (58%) reporting the lowest rate among States. When e-coli, total coliform, and pH levels of the water were tested, only 76% of households met the qualifying criteria. Thus, an assessment of the overall functionality of the scheme, looking at regularity, availability, and cleanliness, showed that just 76% of households were benefiting from the scheme as intended, the report underlined.

An important caveat is that the current edition of the survey only investigated villages which are certified as 'Har Ghar Jal' villages, meaning that the State administration had reported that all households, anganwadis, and administrative buildings in these 19,812 villages had been supplied water through taps. There are, as per the scheme's official dashboard, about 2.72 lakh HGJ villages out of 5.8 lakh total villages in India.

'Not comparable'

In the previous such assessment in 2022, 2.98 lakh households in 13,303 villages were sampled; of these, 40% or 5,298 were Har Ghar Jal (HGJ) villages. "This report is not directly comparable with previous rounds of functionality assessments due to the varying methodological, and environmental circumstances that might have been encountered on the ground," the Jal Shakti Ministry said in a statement.

businessline quiz prelims draw over 6,000 contestants

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Over 6,000 contestants participated in the online test for the 22nd edition of *The Hindu businessline* Celebration Corporate Quiz 2026. Registrations have closed, and the regional finals begin on Saturday.

The first regional final will be held at M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women in Chennai on January 31, followed by Hyderabad regional final at the Institute of Public Enterprise, Shamirpet, on February 1.

St. Teresa's College, Kochi will host the regional final on February 7 and Kristu Jayanti University, Bengaluru, the following day. The regional final in Delhi will be held at BIMTECH BSchool in Greater Noida on February 15, while the regional final in Mumbai will be organised at the Bombay Stock Exchange on February 21.

All the regional finals will be held between 10 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

National finals

The Bombay Stock Exchange will also host the national finals at 3 p.m. on February 21, which will be a live on-ground event, where winners from the regional finals of six cities will compete. The winner will get ₹75,000, the runner-up ₹50,000, and the third prize is ₹25,000.

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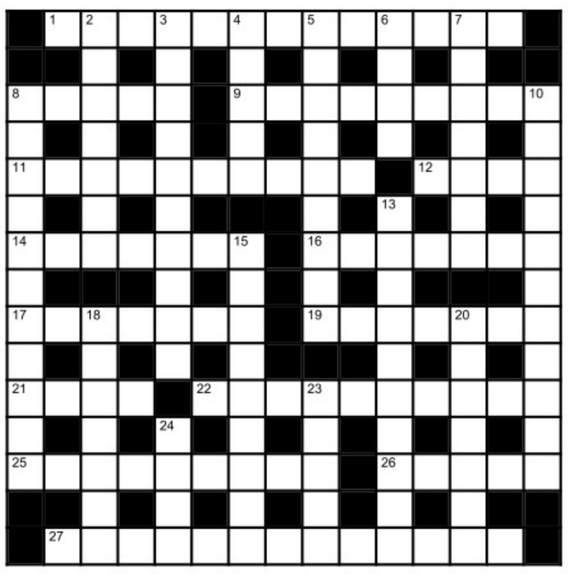

Across

1/24 What sports inventor might create is a completely different situation (1,5,3,4,4)
8 Weaken in club, overwhelmed by a drug (5)
9 After having grass, one perhaps gets most ravenous (9)
11 Stoned on dope outside room, associate shows tongue in a European country (4,6)
12 Knocked back a drink in Italian city (4)
14 One found in a canoe floating in Pacific region (7)
16 Apprehension of popular model carrying a little ganja and heroin (7)
17 Needs answer - is truant unhappy under guardianship? (2,5)
19 Not at all! University fellows accepted entities in Kantian philosophy (7)
21 South Indian food in retreat, eaten by child instantly (4)
22 Act of plundering by one in platoon is abominable (10)
25 Dead bodies in vehicles transporting cocaine, dope and ecstasy (9)
26 Provide more tacos, sandwiches, rolls (5)
27 Bespoke dress, extremely minuscule, aroused mate (4-2-7)

Down

2 Row and manoeuvre across river (7)
3 Start to observe gasoline spilled outside university - it's oily (10)
4 On the contrary, rave about liberal English composer (5)
5 Rise with joy, securing victory after struggle finally (9)
6 Start to diet, inspired by lad's physique (4)
7 Eyeing the French group touring Spain (7)
8 Delirious chap outside bar is essentially using a stimulant (11)
10 Device that collects leaves from ground in curiosity-inducing ad (3-8)
13 Curse an ass breaking promises (10)
15 Correct! Tapa is not an Italian appetiser (9)
18 Brief discussion on a broadcast about winged sandals (7)
20 One sending out English member and model going topless (7)
23 Cotton thread in spool is lengthy (5)
24 See 1 Across

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

God never forgets devotees

Like a mouse falling into a trap, tempted by a piece of coconut, humans fall prey to worldly pleasures, losing sight of the path to God. Elders recommend that one walks in the path of the four (*Naalvar*), the Fathers of the Saivite faith, who showed the efficacy of *dasya bhakti* (service to the Lord), said Damodhara Deekshithar.

Everyone has a wish list that they place before God, but they also forget Him. However, God never forsakes His devotees, as exemplified by His protection of Sundaramoorthy Swamigal. As Alalasundaranar, the latter had been a servitor of Siva but was sent from heaven to earth by Siva in order to rid himself of the worldly attachments. When Alalasundaranar wondered what would happen if he forgot Him, Siva promised He would intervene and enslave him. Accordingly, Alalasundaranar was reborn on earth in Navaloor. Soon it was time for him to get married. At the marriage hall, an old servitor of Siva arrived, saying he had come to claim him as his slave. Arooran sought proof of his enslavement, and the old man produced a palm leaf document. Arooran called him a madman. During the angry exchange, the script was damaged. The servitor suggested they all journey to Tiruvennanalloor, where the original script was kept. The original did state that Arooran of Navaloor and his descendants would perform hereditary service to the great sage of Vennainalloor. The old servitor led them to Tiruvaratthurai, the temple in the town, and vanished. When Nambiarooran called out, Siva appeared in the sky and said, "*Thadutthu attkollavandhom*" (We came to take you to our bosom). Deeply moved, Arooran sang the famous verse, "*Piththaa, Pirai soodi*".

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	82,270	-0.36
US Dollar	91.93	0.07
Brent oil	70.83	4.02

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2020.40	1.20
Adani Ports	1419.80	2.00
Apollo Hosp	6960.50	159.50
Asian Paints	2428.30	12.30
Axis Bank	1370.40	6.70
Bajaj Auto	9597.50	85.50
Bajaj Finserv	1952.60	4.50
Bajaj Finance	929.85	-5.30
Bharat Elec	449.00	4.50
Bharti Airtel	1968.70	0.80
Cipla	1324.00	3.10
Coal India	440.75	-15.00
Dr Reddys Lab	1218.10	9.20
Hindustan Unilever	40.20	DE*
Eicher Motors	7122.50	66.00
Eternal Ltd.	273.60	-1.75
Grasim Ind	2819.00	-12.70
HCL Tech	1695.60	-26.00
HDFC Bank	929.25	-6.25
HDFC Life	731.00	3.90
Hindalco	962.60	-61.45
Hind Unilever	2373.00	20.40
ICICI Bank	1355.00	-28.60
IntGlobeAvi	4596.50	-24.50
Infosys	1641.00	-18.50
ITC	322.15	3.55
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	254.50	0.00
JSW Steel	1214.40	-23.10
Kotak Bank	408.00	-4.40
L&T	3932.30	-0.60
M&M	3431.80	47.40
Maruti Suzuki	14599.00	97.00
Max Healthcare	956.80	4.20
NestleIndia	1332.40	44.50
NTPC	356.00	-2.15
ONGC	268.96	-6.43
PowerGrid Corp	256.50	-4.00
Reliance Ind	1395.40	4.40
SBI Life	1998.50	2.20
State Bank	1077.15	10.95
Shriram Finance Ltd.	1020.00	-2.80
Sun Pharma	1595.30	6.00
TataConsumerProduct	1133.90	26.70
Tata Steel	193.13	-9.19
TCS	3123.90	-20.50
Tech Mahindra	1743.10	-25.30
Titan	3977.40	37.70
Tata Motors PV	350.05	-1.75
Trent Ltd.	3785.50	-38.30
UltraTech Cement	12694.00	-23.00
Wipro	236.90	-2.90

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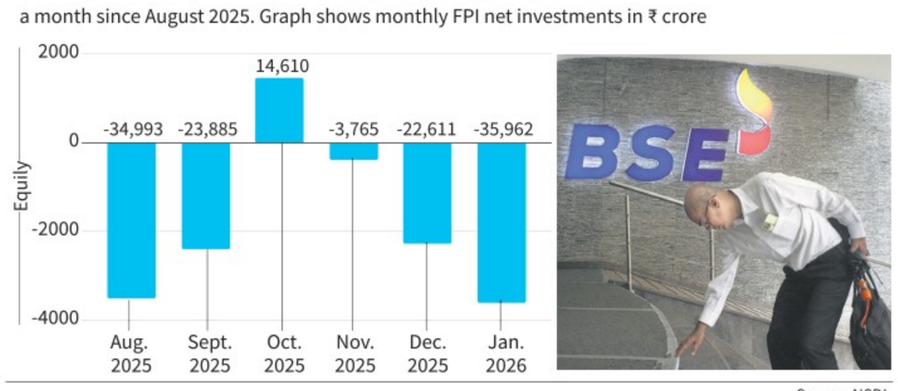
FPI outflows at a five-month high of ₹35,962 crore

Weak earnings and rupee depreciation remain the primary reasons behind foreign institutional investors offloading shares in the market



Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Foreign fund managers, however, were net buyers of equities through the mutual fund route

Foreign institutional investors net sold ₹35,962 crore worth Indian equities in January, the most since August, as per National Securities and Depository Ltd. data.

The calendar year began with a continuation of the same trend from the past year where foreign investors have been selling Indian equities. In all, FIIs sold ₹1,66,286 crore in Indian equities in CY2025.

Foreign fund managers, however, were net buyers of Indian equity through the mutual fund route and have been consistent for about four months now. FII, through mutual funds, net bought ₹312 crore in the four months. The selling in equities coincide with the buying of mutual funds signifying a sense of caution on India.

There is a meaningful flow into global emerging market funds, and India has also benefited making the overall flow look better, wrote Sunil Jain,VP at Elara Capital, in a research note.

However, the selling by India-focused funds, those who take a long term view in India, persists. "The current phase has extended into a third consecutive week, with $340 million withdrawn this week, following outflows of $360 million and $320 million in the prior two weeks. The pressure remains concentrated in Japan- and Luxembourg-domiciled funds, which have been the primary sources of selling during this period," Mr. Jain wrote in the note.

The primary reason behind the foreign investor selling remains weak earnings and rupee depreciation. "The Indian market witnessed a decent Q3FY26 earnings season, with aggregate earnings marginally ahead of expectations until now, while beats were 1.3x of misses in the KIE (Kotak Institutional Equities) coverage universe. FPI flows are expected to remain volatile," said Shrikant Chouhan, head, equity research, Kotak Securities.

'Quality output is established via markets not QCOs'

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

CEA also spoke about how States need to balance the costs of cash transfers with the needs of growth

Quality is established in the marketplace through competition not via quality control orders (QCOs), Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran said in an interview to *The Hindu*.

Speaking a day after the Economic Survey 2025-26, authored by him, was tabled in Parliament, Dr. Nageswaran also spoke about how States need to balance the costs of unconditional cash transfers with the needs of growth and development.

"Quality is established in the marketplace and through competition, not through quality control orders," he said, when asked how to reconcile the Survey's call for greater quality output while the government is revoking QCOs.

"Quality control orders are necessary in important situations and many countries are using those also as an instrument of trade, but it is not necessarily the means through which you establish quality.

"You establish standards and standards are important but we also need the infrastructure to apply those standards and enforce them."

Populism, growth

The CEA also said he was not in a position to spell out a particular political-economy road map or a pathway to tackle the trade-off between populism and growth, but added States must be careful when choosing between the two.

"Yes, cash transfers are important from the point of view of winning elections in democracies, but it is not often turned out to be the case that these alone guarantee victories," Mr. Nageswaran said.

Sustainability matters

"But ultimately, it's about sustainability, it's about finding ways to balance democracy compulsions with growth and development compulsions and that is the balancing act and we should make sure that we don't err too much on one side." He also said an argument could be made that India has already moved from resilience to acceleration. "First of all, what is resilience and what is acceleration, that is a matter of personal perspective," he said. "If you are able to grow post-COVID at 7-plus percent while everybody is struggling to grow at 5%, you are accelerating compared to others.

"So, I don't know how watertight these compartments [of resilience vs. acceleration] are."

The Economic Survey had upgraded its medium-term growth outlook for India to 7% from the 6.5% it had estimated in 2022-23.

INBRIEF

NSE receives SEBI's approval for initial public offering

National Stock Exchange (NSE) has received a no-objection certificate from the markets regulator to file for an initial public offering (IPO), according to people with direct knowledge of the matter. The IPO, which had been in a limbo, for nearly a decade due to regulatory and legal issues, has now been given SEBI nod to go ahead and initiate the processes to file an IPO. "This is a significant milestone in our growth journey", said Srinivas Injeti, chairperson, NSE.

Bank of Baroda Q3 net profit grows 4.5% to ₹5,055 crore

Bank of Baroda Ltd. reported a 4.5% year-on-year (YoY) growth in net profit at ₹5,054.63 crore for the for the third quarter ended December 31 aided by an improvement in asset quality. Net interest income rose 1% to ₹11,800 crore from ₹11,786 crore a year earlier. Global net interest margin stood at 2.79% (3.04%). Gross NPA ratio improved to 2.04% from 2.43% while net NPA ratio reduced by 2 bps YoY to 0.57%. Domestic advances rose 13.6% to ₹10,96,557 crore.

Coromandel Q3 net dips 4% to ₹488 cr. on 26% income rise

Agriculture solutions provider Coromandel International reported consolidated net profit for the December quarter declined almost 4% to ₹488 crore year-on-year. The lower net profit came on an almost 26% rise in total income to ₹8,863 crore. The firm declared an interim dividend of ₹9/equity share. "Coromandel delivered a resilient performance in the quarter despite challenging business environment," MD and CEO S.Sankarasubramanian said.

Airtel Africa Q3 PAT jumps

Bharti Airtel's Africa arm, Airtel Africa, logged an over twofold rise in profit after tax to $586 million in Q3FY26 on higher operating profit and forex gains.

Ola Electric currently employs about 3,500 people.

EV firm Ola Electric to lay off 5% of its workforce

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ola Electric, a Bengaluru-based electric vehicle firm founded by Bhavish Aggarwal, on Friday said, as part of its ongoing structural transformation, approximately 5% of its workforce would be impacted.

The firm said it was doubling down on speed and discipline through increased automation across front-end operations and was building a leaner organisation.

According to internal sources, Ola Electric currently employs about 3,500 people.

"The company is doubling down on speed and discipline through increased automation across its front-end operations. As part of this ongoing structural transformation, approximately 5% of the workforce will be impacted," it said in a statement.

The EV firm further said it continued to focus on its business turnaround, building on the early gains delivered through hyper service and its service-led execution reset, with same-day resolution now being delivered to over 80% of service requests nationwide.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Provision for pumping arrangements, External power supply with power back up and Automation works in connection with the work "Augmentation of source with storage facilities and pumping arrangements and other ancillary works for improvement of water supply to Balliguda NAC under AMRUT 2.0 (SWAP — III)"	Identification No. ACEPHCBAM 14/2025-26 Dt.21.01.2026	122.89	6 (Six) Calendar Months	11.00 Hrs. of 02.02.2026	17.30 Hrs. of 17.02.2026	Additional Chief Engineer, P.H. Circle, Berhampur

The technical bid shall be opened on Dt.20.02.2026 at 12.30 P.M.
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The last date for receipt of application is 01.03.2026.

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1.	**Unit Head, Balotra**	
1.1	Development of Industrial Area Borawas Phase-II, Balotra. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01636**	6536.07
1.2	Construction of Boundary Demarcation Pillars Around Outer Periphery of Alloted Land at Villages Khemababa Nagar, Sindhiyo Ki Dhani, Vedarlai and Borawas, Tehsil Pachpadra, District Balotra. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01635**	610.79
2.	**Unit Head, Bhiwadi-II**	
2.1	Survey and Demarcation of New Planned Shops and Construction of CC Road around Shops, Paving Road Shoulders with Interlocking Blocks and Construction of Box Culvert Drain and Approaches and Covering of Drains at Industrial Area Sarekhurd. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01634**	522.50
3.	**Unit Head, Sriganganagar**	
3.1	Upgradation of Drainage Network and Widening of BT Road 2 Lane to 4 Lane at Industrial Area Agro Food Park, Sriganganagar. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01639**	852.73
4.	**Unit Head, Kota**	
4.1	Construction of RCC Retaining Wall along Nallah at RIICO Industrial Area Kuber Extension, Ranpur, Kota. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01628**	619.01
4.2	Regular Up-keeping and O&M of Industrial Area Indraprastha and Electronic Complex, Kota. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01664**	400.31
5.	**Unit Head, EPIP Sitapura, Jaipur**	
5.1	Widening of Roads, Strengthening & Re-Carpeting of Roads, Construction of CC Road and Upgradation & Construction of Footpath at Industrial Area EPIP Sitapura, Jaipur. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01651**	1965.38
5.2	Improvement of Infrastructure at I/A Sitapura Ph-I/II, Jaipur. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01653**	1311.36
5.3	Regular Operation and Maintenance of Industrial Area EPIP Sitapura Ph I to IV, Institutional Area, SEZ Ph I & II, Ramchandrapura, Prahladpura and Residential Colonies under Unit Office EPIP Sitapura, Jaipur. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01654**	1017.88
5.4	Construction of Advance Treatment Plant for STP Treated Effluent by Installing 5.0 MLD ZLD Plant with Reject Management System on EPC Mode Including O&M for 10 Years at Industrial Area Sitapura, Jaipur.**UBN-RDC2526WLOB01671**	1500.00
6.	**Unit Head, Jaipur(Rural)**	
6.1	Construction of RCC Drain and Approaches Work at Industrial Area Kunjbiharipura. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01649**	2860.00
7.	**Unit Head, Bhiwadi-I**	
7.1	Operation and Maintenance Works i.e. Cleaning of RoW, Drains, Door to Door Collections, Plantations, Street Lights and Water Supply Scheme of Industrial Areas under Unit Office Bhiwadi-I.**UBN-RDC2526WLOB01656**	1027.78
8.	**Unit Head, Neemrana**	
8.1	Routine Works related to Operation and Maintenance of Industrial Area EPIP, Neemrana-I, II, NIC (M) & Kolila Joga Neemrana. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01650**	554.68
9.	**Unit Head, Boranada**	
9.1	Operation and Maintenance of Industrial Areas at Boranada (Ph-I to Ph-IV), Housing Colony Boranada, Agro Food Park, EPIP, Boranada Industrial Park, Shilpgram Pal under Unit Office Boranada. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01627**	485.00
10.	**Unit Head, Jodhpur**	
10.1	Construction of Box Culvert Drain from New Power House Circle to Road No. 1 at Industrial Estate Transferred Industrial Area, Jodhpur. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01632**	238.22
10.2	Construction of Box Culvert Drain from Mandi Mode to KK Colony at Industrial Area Basni Ph-I, Jodhpur. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01633**	388.64
11.	**Unit Head, Aburoad**	
11.1	Survey and Demarcation Work, Construction of CC Road and Construction of Paved Shoulder at Entry Road at Industrial Area Sheoganj, Dist. Sirohi, Unit-Aburoad. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01675**	299.16
11.2	Survey and Demarcation Work, Construction of CC Road and Constructuion of Paved Shoulder at Entry Road and Construction of Boundary around Green Belt at Industrial Area Sheoganj Extn., Dist. Sirohi, Unit-Aburoad. **UBN-RDC2526WLOB01676**	591.45
11.3	Survey and Demarcation Work, Construction of CC Road and Recarpeting of Roads, Repairing and Rising of Drain, Construction of Boundary Wall around Green Belt and Upgradation of Staff Residence in Industrial Area Sarneshwar, Dist. Sirohi, Unit-Aburoad. **UBN-RDC2526WSOB01677**	472.88

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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All customers whose accounts fall under this category are hereby requested to update their KYC details or activate/upgrade their accounts at their respective branches on or before 02/03/2026.

Please note that accounts not activated by the above date will be closed without further notice.

For any clarification or assistance, customers are requested to contact their home branch.

Place: Ernakulam
Date: 31/01/2026

s/d-
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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH BERHAMPUR
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Advt. No. NT- 01/2025 **Recruitment Notice for Non-Teaching Position** Dated :31.12.2025

Opening date for submission of online application: **0900 hrs**. of **January 31, 2026**
Closing date of submission of online application: **1730 hrs**. of **March 02, 2026**
Crucial date for calculation of age/qualification/experience: **March 02, 2026**

The Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur, an Institute of National Importance, established by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in order to promote higher scientific learning and research as well as scientific exploration at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels of education and to create scientists and academicians of the highest quality invites **ONLINE Applications** from eligible Indian nationals to fill-up the following sanctioned regular post as per the reservation and mode of recruitment mentioned against each: -

S. No.	Name of the post	Group	Pay Level (as per 7th CPC)	Mode of recruitment	Vertical Reservation					Horizontal Reservation	Total No. of posts
					UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	PWD	
A. Registry and Ministerial Cadre											
1	Deputy Registrar	A	12	Direct Recruitment	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
2	Private Secretary	B	7		01	00	00	00	00	00	01
3	Junior Assistant (MS)	C	3		01	00	00	00	00	00	01
B. Ministerial Cadre											
4	Senior Superintendent	B	7	Deputation	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
C. Technical (Laboratory) Cadre											
5	Technical Officer (Lab)	A	10	Direct Recruitment	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
6	Junior Technical Assistant (Lab)	C	5		01	00	00	00	00	00	01
D. Technical (IT) Cadre											
7	Senior Technical Officer (IT)	A	11	Direct Recruitment	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
E. Engineering Cadre											
8	Assistant Engineer (Civil)	B	7	Direct Recruitment	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
9	Junior Engineer (Electrical)	B	6		01	00	00	00	00	00	01
F. Medical Cadre											
10	Medical Officer	A	10	Direct Recruitment	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
11	Nurse	B	7		01	00	00	00	00	00	01
G. Library Cadre											
12	Junior Library Superintendent*	B	6	Direct Recruitment	00	00	00	00	00	01*	01
H. Sports and Physical Education Cadre											
13	Physical Education Instructor	B	7	Direct Recruitment	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
I. Official Language Cadre											
14	Junior Translator (Rajbhasha)	B	6	Direct Recruitment	01	00	00	00	00	00	01
				Total	13	00	00	00	00	01	14

* The vacancy is reserved for applicants belonging to category of Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) viz. One Arm (OA), One Leg (OL) and Hard of Hearing (HH).

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WASHINGTON

Iran wants to make a deal to avoid military action, reiterates Trump

AP

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Thursday he believed Tehran wanted to make a deal to avoid military action. "If we do make a deal, that's good. If we don't make a deal, we'll see what happens." Mr. Trump declined to say whether, if Iran did not reach a deal, he planned a repeat of the dramatic operation in Venezuela. AFP

WASHINGTON

Trump picks ex-U.S. Fed official Warsh as next central bank chief

REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday that he would nominate Kevin Warsh, a former Federal Reserve governor, to be the next U.S. central bank chief. The decision caps a closely watched search for a successor to Jerome Powell, whom the President has lambasted for not cutting interest rates more swiftly. AFP

WASHINGTON

Former *CNN* anchor Don Lemon arrested over Minneapolis protests

AP

Former *CNN* anchor Don Lemon, now an independent journalist, has been arrested over coverage of protests in Minneapolis, his lawyer said on Friday. Mr. Lemon was held on charges that he violated federal law during a protest at a church in a case rejected last week by a magistrate judge, the *New York Times* reported. AFP

BEIJING

China coast guard patrolled islands held by Japan almost daily last year

REUTERS

China's coast guard patrolled Japan-administered islands in the East China Sea almost daily last year, it said on Friday. The patrols near the tiny islands — known as the Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China — could add to tensions as both nations are embroiled in their biggest diplomatic dispute in more than a decade. REUTERS

Hamas should join PLO, subscribe to its 'mandate': Palestine Minister

We are for peace and non-violence to achieve our liberation; we need to respect the agreements signed with Israel; we need to be committed to a vision of One Palestine, one govt., one people, and one armed wing, says Foreign Minister Shahin

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Gaza and the West Bank should not be viewed separately from each other, says Varsen Aghabekian Shahin. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Hamas should join the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and commit to non-violence to attain independence for an 'undivided Palestine', said Varsen Aghabekian Shahin, Foreign Minister of Palestine. Speaking to *The Hindu* in an interview, Ms. Shahin said Hamas needs to subscribe to the 'mandate' of the PLO, which includes recognition of the state of Israel.

"The PLO is the umbrella organisation of all Palestinian factions. Whoever wants to be part of the Palestinian political structure needs to join the PLO and whoever wants to join the PLO needs to subscribe to the mandate of the PLO," said Ms. Shahin. Hamas has been in de facto control of the Gaza Strip since 2006 when it defeated the Fatah party of President Mahmoud Abbas in an election. Ms. Shahin said Gaza and the West Bank should not be viewed separately from each other and the need of the hour was for all factions of Palestinian struggle to unite.

"We are for peace and non-violence to achieve our liberation and independence. We need to respect the agreements signed with Israel. We need to be committed to a vision of One Palestine, one government, one people, one law and one armed wing under the legitimate authority of Palestine," said Ms. Shahin. She said the conflict in Gaza has left at least 72,000 Palestinians dead, 1,72,000 injured and 15,000 to 20,000 missing.

The visiting Minister said that many Palestinians in Gaza with prevailing health conditions were "forced to die" as Israeli blockade did not allow required medicines and health facilities to reach them during the conflict. "Israel used water and food as weapons of war triggering malnourishment that will be felt in the generations to come."

The Minister, who met External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar at the Hyderabad House on Friday, said 85% of infrastructure of the Gaza Strip, including two schools built with Indian assistance, have been destroyed in Israeli bombing. Responding to a question on the 'Board of Peace' that has been constituted under U.S. President Donald Trump, Ms. Shahin said the 'Board of Peace' should adhere to the UNSC Resolution 2803 of November 2025 and the "real peace in the region" would entail ensuring the "right of self determination of the Palestinian people". Ms. Shahin said India has been a consistent supporter of the two-state solution for ending Israel-Palestinian conflict and called upon India to help in the reconstruction of Gaza Strip.

Sri Lanka to stick to IMF path despite cyclone blow

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

A worker removes mud accumulated around buses after Cyclone Ditwah, in Maspanna, Sri Lanka in December 2025. AFP

Sri Lanka will press ahead with the ongoing International Monetary Fund's (IMF) programme – criticised by sections for imposing painful austerity on ordinary people – despite the devastation caused by Cyclone Ditwah that struck the island nation in late November 2025.

Following President Anura Kumara Dissanayake's meeting with a visiting IMF delegation earlier this week, his office said that the Fund pointed to Sri Lanka moving "in the right economic direction despite facing a severe disaster situation" and stated that there would be "no changes to the agreement", on the Extended Fund Facility [EFF] programme.

Cyclone Ditwah is the worst climate shock event the island has witnessed since the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004. The torrential rains, record flooding, and multiple landslides have claimed at least 649 lives until now, while as many as 173 persons remain missing for two months. With huge losses to public infrastructure, homes, and livelihoods, the devastation is widely seen as a huge setback for a country getting out of a grave economic crisis that spiralled in 2022.

Early that year, then President Gotabaya Rajapaksa sought the IMF's help to cope with a serious balance of payments problem, as his government ran out of dollars to import essential items, including food grains. Forced to contend with long power cuts, food and medicine shortages, citizens took to the streets demanding that Mr. Gotabaya quit office. In April that year, his government announced Sri Lanka's first sovereign default. In March 2023, the IMF approved $2.9 billion for Sri Lanka then helmed by President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Economic stability

President Dissanayake, who was elected to office in September 2024, promised not to derail the IMF programme aimed at achieving macroeconomic stability, even as some in Sri Lanka flagged austerity measures linked to the programme, including a drastic drop in value of ordinary people's pension funds, tax hikes, rise in fuel and electricity prices, and a high cost of living as a consequence.

In the wake of the cyclone, over 70 civil society groups and activists across Sri Lanka called for the renegotiation of the IMF deal, accusing the Dissanayake government of becoming a "prisoner" of the IMF programme. "The IMF controlling government spending not only restricts the ability of the government to respond to the ongoing humanitarian crisis, but severely impedes investment in infrastructure, recuperating livelihoods, and adapting to further climate change impacts," they contended.

In his recent interaction with the Fund's representatives, Mr. Dissanayake noted the disaster had most severely affected poor rural communities, with infrastructure and livelihoods suffering extensive damage. A total of LKR 500 billion had been allocated to protect rural livelihoods and restore income-generating activities, he told them, emphasising that this measure did not "in anyway signify a departure from proper financial management or fiscal responsibility". Both the IMF and the Sri Lankan government agreed to continue implementing the EFF programme without making any changes to the existing agreement, the statement issued by the Presidential Media Division said.

Meanwhile, following a request from Colombo, the IMF's Executive Board also approved around $200 million under its Rapid Financing Instrument facility to "help address urgent balance-of-payments and fiscal pressures" arising from the catastrophic Cyclone Ditwah.

Russia halts strikes on Kyiv until tomorrow at Trump's bid

Reuters
KYIV

Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Russia has agreed to a request from U.S. President Donald Trump to halt air strikes on Kyiv until February 1 amid harsh winter temperatures, and Ukraine said it was ready to reciprocate as Washington pushes for a diplomatic solution to end the war.

But as the Ukrainian capital braces for another bitterly cold spell from Sunday, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Friday there was no formal truce between the two countries. He added that Russia had shifted to hitting Ukrainian logistics. Russia has bombed Ukraine's roads and railways in recent days.

The Kremlin said President Vladimir Putin had accepted Mr. Trump's request to stop bombarding Kyiv to create "favourable conditions" for peace talks. Russian strikes on energy infrastructure in Kyiv have left hundreds of thousands of people without heating as temperatures dipped below minus 15 degrees Celsius.

At least 170 killed in Myanmar air strikes during election: UN

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

At least 170 civilians were killed in more than 400 military air strikes in Myanmar in the weeks surrounding its widely-criticised elections, the United Nations said on Friday.

Myanmar's month-long, three-phase vote, which wrapped up on Sunday, was imposed by the military in what democracy watchdogs dismissed as an attempt to rebrand army rule. The UN rights office warned on Friday that they had failed to respect fundamental human rights and that military attacks on the population had continued unabated.

The UN said "credible sources" had verified that at least "170 civilians were killed in some 408 military aerial attacks during the voting period".

Sport

Not the end of the road for Manpreet, others: HI

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

After 'resting' certain senior players for the FIH Pro League, Hockey India is categorical that it is not the end of the road for Manpreet Singh and others who have not been picked. *The Hindu* had reported that the decision to exclude Manpreet and Krishan Pathak from the 33-member core probables for the Pro League next month had more to do with off-field issues than anything else.

With them being the seniormost players in the side, both the federation and selectors, in consultation with coach Craig Fulton, felt it was necessary to send a message to the rest of the players. While the duo, along with Dilpreet Singh, won't figure in the first two legs of the Pro League, HI officials have made it clear that the decision does not mean an end to their playing careers.

"It will be the end of their careers only if they announce their retirements. Other than that, as long as they meet the fitness standards, no one can say it's their end," HI secretary general Bholanath Singh said.

Federation officials confirmed that the issue during the team's South Africa tour in December had been serious enough to warrant an enquiry with the players concerned, including Dilpreet. "It was a serious offence, but the fact that they inadvertently included another player makes it worse. Any further decision will be taken after consulting all concerned parties. But this is definitely not the end for any of them," a senior official insisted.

Federation sources also said that HI could be looking at working a way out to allow an honourable exit for the players, especially Manpreet, by including them for the Asian Games. "That will not only give them time to reflect on their actions but also the chance to plan their exit on a big stage without the ignominy of being dropped. It will also put to rest all rumours of sabotaging the international caps record (of Manpreet)," sources added.

SNAPSHOTS

De Kock's ton fashions SA's series win

Opener Quinton de Kock scored a series-clinching century for South Africa in the second T20I against the West Indies at SuperSport Park in Centurion on Thursday.

The scores: WI 221/4 in 20 overs (Hetmyer 75, Rutherford 57 n.o., King 49) lost to SA 225/3 in 17.3 overs (de Kock 115, Rickelton 77 n.o.); **Toss:** SA; **PoM:** de Kock.

Chotrani, Anahat in quarterfinals

Veer Chotrani stunned fourth seed Baptiste Masotti of France 11-6, 7-11, 8-11, 11-1, 11-9 to make the men's quarterfinals of the Squash on Fire Open in Washington. Velavan Senthilkumar lost 11-4, 5-11, 9-11, 11-9, 8-11 to second-seeded Mexican Leonel Cardenas. In the women's section, seventh seed Anahat Singh beat South African Hayley Ward 11-5, 11-8, 12-14, 11-5.

De Kock. AFP

Real to play Benfica

Real Madrid was handed a quick rematch with Jose Mourinho's Benfica in the draw for the Champions League play-off round. The play-off ties will take place in February (first leg on 17-18, second leg on 24-25).

The draw: Bodo/Glimt vs. Inter Milan; Monaco vs. PSG; Qarabag vs. Newcastle; Galatasaray vs. Juventus; Brugge vs. Atletico Madrid; Borussia Dortmund vs. Atalanta; Olympiacos vs. Bayer Leverkusen.

Devika stuns Supanida, enters semifinals

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
BANGKOK

Devika Sihag pulled off an upset at the Thailand Masters Super 300 badminton tournament, stunning home favourite and top seed Supanida Katethong 21-19, 21-18 to reach the women's singles semifinals here on Friday. Isharani Baruah bowed out after losing to Malaysia's Wong Ling Ching.

The results (quarterfinals): **Women:** Devika Sihag bt Supanida Katethong 21-19, 21-18; Wong Ling Ching bt Isharani Baruah 18-21, 21-16, 21-13. **Men:** Zhu Xuan Chen bt Tharun Mannepalli 21-11, 21-17.

Dangal Warriors in last-four stage

PWL

Sports Bureau
NOIDA

Delhi Dangal Warriors sneaked into the Pro Wrestling League semifinals with a 5-4 win against Punjab Royals in the final league match of the season.

While Punjab was already assured of a spot in the top four, Delhi, tied on points with UP Dominators but lagging in bout wins, leapfrogged from fifth to second spot to eliminate the UP team.

Tied 4-4 against Punjab, Delhi was handed the match when Dinesh Dhankar forfeited his 125kg bout against Ronak in the final fight of the night.

The result:

Delhi Dangal Warriors bt Punjab Royals 5-4 [**Men: 57kg:** Shubham Kaushik (Delhi Dangal Warriors) bt Chirag Chhikara (Punjab Royals) 9-0; **65kg:** Sujeet Kalkal (Delhi Dangal Warriors) bt Anuj Kumar (Punjab Royals) 10-1; **74kg:** Turan Bayramov (Delhi Dangal Warriors) bt Chandermohan (Punjab Royals)18-8; **86kg:** Vafaeipour Hadi Bakhtiar (Delhi Dangal Warriors) bt Sandeep Maan (Punjab Royals) 20-7; **125kg:** Ronak (Delhi Dangal Warriors) bt Dinesh Dhankhar (Punjab Royals) by Forfeit.

Women: 53kg: Meenakshi (Punjab Royals) bt Saarika (Delhi Dangal Warriors) 12-3; **57kg:** Rajnita Jangra (Punjab Royals) bt Karla Godinez Gonzalez (Delhi Dangal Warriors) 5-1; **62kg:** Ana Godinez (Punjab Royals) bt Anjli (Delhi Dangal Warriors) 11-7; **76kg:** Priya Malik (Punjab Royals) bt Anastasiya Alpyeyeva (Delhi Dangal Warriors) 2-0].

RESPECT

Rybakina is an incredible player, says Sabalenka ahead of the final

AFP

Fire will meet fire when the hard-hitting Aryna Sabalenka clashes with the big-serving Elena Rybakina in the Australian Open women's final in Melbourne on Saturday. "Rybakina is an incredible player. We had a lot of great battles, we played a lot of finals. I'm looking forward to battling this power," Sabalenka said.

GAME PLAN

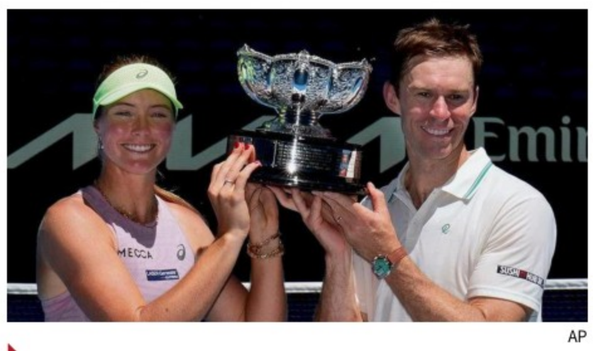
'Serve is important since we both are very aggressive players'

AFP

Reflecting on their 2023 Australian Open final, Elena Rybakina said both she and Aryna Sabalenka had improved and changed as players since. But one thing remains the same — their power. "Since we are both very aggressive players, the serve is important. Hopefully the serve is going to help me," said Rybakina.

REIGN CONTINUES

Gadecki-Peers first in 37 years to defend AO mixed doubles crown



AP

Australians Olivia Gadecki and John Peers beat France's Kristina Mladenovic and Manuel Guinard 4-6, 6-3, [10-8] to become the first pair in 37 years to retain the Australian Open mixed doubles title. The last pair to do so was Jana Novotna and Jim Pugh while the last Australian duo was Margaret Court and Ken Fletcher in 1964.

BACKING CLASS

We always knew Suryakumar would score runs, says Kotak

NIRMAL HARINDRAN

He (Suryakumar Yadav) has been, for a long time, the world's best T20I batter. So we always knew that he would score runs. And of course, it is nice that he has had those two good innings in the New Zealand series, before the T20 World Cup — India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak.

Djokovic dethrones Sinner, sets up historic final with Alcaraz

The 10-time champion turns back the clock to win a marathon five-setter and make his first Major summit clash since 2024; the Spaniard overcomes cramps to outlast third seed Zverev in a long-drawn slug-fest lasting more than five hours

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Novak Djokovic stunned reigning champion Jannik Sinner to set up a blockbuster Australian Open final with Carlos Alcaraz after the Spaniard survived a five-set clash of his own with Alexander Zverev.

The 38-year-old Serbian turned back the clock to keep alive his bid for a record 25th Grand Slam crown, and a record-extending 11th title, by upsetting the Italian 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a gruelling 4 hours and 9 minutes contest at the Laver Arena.

World No. 1 Alcaraz needed even longer to tame Zverev, spending a titanic 5hrs, 27mins on court, overcoming cramping and a fifth-set deficit to win 6-4, 7-6(5), 6-7(3), 6-7 (4), 7-5.

Surreal

"I'm lost for words right now, to be honest," said Djokovic, who dropped to his knees and was emotional when the match ended. "It feels surreal."

Djokovic, who had lost his last five encounters with Sinner, thanked him for "allowing me at least one win in the last couple of years".

"The level of intensity, and I guess the quality of tennis, was extremely high, and I knew that was the only way for me to have a chance to win tonight."

The win propelled Djokovic into a 39th Grand Slam final and made him the oldest man in the Open era to reach the title match in Melbourne, where he has won 10 times. It will be his first final appearance since Wimbledon in 2024.

Against Zverev, Alcaraz only narrowly avoided crashing out after a huge fright at 4-4 in the third set when he pulled up in pain with what appeared to be cramp. He was allowed to have treatment at the changeover, leaving Zverev furious and angrily remonstrating with officials.

Alcaraz said afterwards he thought he might have hurt his right abductor and it was the physio who decided to have a timeout.

The top seed played on with his movement hampered and he lost his first set of the tournament. But after swigging some pickle juice, he clawed back from a break down in the fifth set as the crowd roared their approval.

The results: Semifinals: Men: 1-Alcaraz (Esp) bt 3-Zverev (Ger) 6-4, 7-6(5), 6-7(3), 6-7(4), 7-5; 4-Djokovic (Srb) bt 2-Sinner (Ita) 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Day 13 in numbers

1 Alcaraz is the youngest man to make the final of all four Majors

1 Alcaraz (22y 258d) surpasses Sinner (23y 318d) to become the youngest man to reach four or more consecutive Slam finals

1 Alcaraz vs Zverev (5 hours, 27 minutes) is now the longest Australian Open semifinal in history, and the third-longest match at Melbourne Park

1 The 38-year-old Djokovic is the oldest men's finalist at the Australian Open

2 Both semifinals at a Grand Slam went to five sets for the first time since Wimbledon 2018 (Anderson vs Isner and Djokovic vs Nadal) and for the first time Down Under since 2017 (Federer vs Wawrinka and Nadal vs Dimitrov)

7 Djokovic goes past Rosewall for the most Slam finals reached after turning 35

20 Djokovic equals Nadal (at Roland-Garros) for the most top-10 wins at a single Grand Slam since the ATP Rankings were published in 1973

23.5 Zverev (4-13) holds the lowest win-rate against top-10 opponents (since the rankings were first published in 1973) at the Grand Slams (minimum 10 matches)

38 Djokovic extends his record for the most finals reached at the Majors

Compiled by ANIRUDH VELAMURI

Saturday's Pick
WOMEN'S SINGLES FINAL
1-Sabalenka vs 5-Rybakina

Giants break MI jinx, seal spot in Eliminator

A tale of two captains: Harmanpreet's brilliance was not enough to deny Gardner & Co. PTI

WPL-4

Vivek Krishnan
VADODARA

Opponents can never rest easy till Harmanpreet Kaur is at the crease. So was the case in the Women's Premier League on Friday, but Gujarat Giants managed to overcome the Mumbai Indians skipper's unbeaten 82 off 48 balls to clinch a nerve-racking 11-run win at the Kotambi Stadium.

The victory helped Giants seal second spot in the standings and progress to the Eliminator on February 3. MI's fate hinges on the final league fixture between Delhi Capitals and UP Warriorz on Sunday.

After Giants rode on a 71-run stand between Ashleigh Gardner (46, 28b, 7x4, 1x6) and Georgia Wareham (44 n.o., 26b, 4x4, 2x6) to score 167 for four, MI was restricted to 156 for seven. Wareham and Sophie Devine picked up two wickets apiece. This is GG's first victory against Harmanpreet and Co. in nine outings.

MI's hopes in the chase rested squarely on Harmanpreet's shoulders. With the visitors reduced to 37 for three, the skipper had to find a balance between not losing further wickets at that stage and not letting the asking rate get out of hand. Amelia Kerr lent some support in a 45-run stand, but she was caught behind off Wareham in the 12th over.

Harmanpreet picked her moments to find the boundary and ease the pressure, but with support not forthcoming from the other end, she was left with too much to do in the end.

Missed chance

Giants could have sealed the contest in the 16th over had Beth Mooney collected a leg-break from Wareham cleanly to stump Harmanpreet on 38.

Considering the high stakes riding on this contest, Giants skipper Gardner elected to bat and set a target – notably, the first time since the 2024 final that a captain was doing so upon winning the toss.

After Mooney's dismissal in the third over, Giants were given a solid base through Devine and Anushka Sharma's 48-run association for the second wicket. The Aussie pair of Gardner and Wareham came together at 71 for three in the 11th over. The two batters sized up the surface before finding a few productive overs to deliver a robust finish.

SCOREBOARD

GUJARAT GIANTS
Beth Mooney c Sajana b Ismail 5 (8b), Sophie Devine c Kerr b Sciver-Brunt 25 *(21b, 3x4)*, Anushka Sharma c Ismail b Kerr 33 *(31b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Ashleigh Gardner st. Rahila b Kerr 46 *(28b, 7x4, 1x6)*, Georgia Wareham (not out) 44 *(26b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Bharti Fulmali (not out) 5 *(6b)*; Extras (lb-2, w-7): 9; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 167.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-21 (Mooney, 2.2 overs), 2-69 (Anushka, 9.3), 3-71 (Devine, 10.1), 4-142 (Gardner, 17.2).

MI BOWLING
Ismail 4-0-29-1, Sciver-Brunt 4-0-36-1, Vaishnavi 2-0-21-0, Amanjot 2-0-13-0, Kerr 4-0-26-2, Matthews 4-0-40-0.

MUMBAI INDIANS
Sajeevan Sajana c Fulmali b Kashvee 26 *(25b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Hayley Matthews b Devine 6 *(8b, 1x4)*, Nat Sciver-Brunt c Anushka b Devine 2 *(6b)*, Harmanpreet Kaur (not out) 82 *(48b, 8x4, 4x6)*, Amelia Kerr c Mooney b Wareham 20 *(16b, 2x4)*, Amanjot Kaur st. Mooney b Rajeshwari 13 *(12b, 2x4)*, Sanskriti Gupta lbw b Wareham 0 *(1b)*, Poonam Khemnar c & b Gardner 2 *(3b)*, Rahila Firdous (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3): 4; Total (for seven wkts. in 20 overs): 156.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-23 (Matthews, 4.3), 2-33 (Sajana, 5.6), 3-37 (Sciver-Brunt, 6.5), 4-82 (Kerr, 11.5), 5-126 (Amanjot, 16.6), 6-127 (Sanskriti, 17.2), 7-155 (Poonam, 19.5).

GIANTS BOWLING
Renuka 2-0-11-0, Kashvee 2-0-12-1, Rajeshwari 4-0-46-1, Devine 4-1-23-2, Wareham 4-0-26-2, Gardner 3-0-26-1, Tanuja 1-0-11-0.

Toss: GG; **PoM:** Wareham.
GG won by 11 runs.

Final tune-up for Team India, Kiwis

NZ IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Next week, the Men in Blue will begin their defence of the T20 World Cup in Mumbai. Before that though, they have some unfinished business in this smaller, quieter coastal city.

They may have sealed the five-match T20I series against New Zealand in the shortest way possible: winning the first three games. But, after that they suffered a reverse in the fourth match at Visakhapatnam.

They would be determined to win the final game at the Greenfield Stadium here on Saturday and thus go into the World Cup opener against the United States with momentum on their side.

After conceding the ODI series to the Kiwis 1-2, the Indians showed in the first three T20Is how good they could be in the shortest format. They have shown, in particular, how their batters could take the game away from the opposition in no time.

Two of the three fastest T20I fifties for India have come during this series.

The big quest: Samson, left, will be keen to get among the runs in front of his home crowd. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Abhishek Sharma scored the second fastest in the third match at Guwahati – off 14 balls, two balls more than his mentor Yuvraj Singh, whose record from the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007 is still intact, remarkably enough.

In the fourth match, Shivam Dube struck a 15-ball fifty, as he raised hopes of an unlikely win after half the side was back in the dugout by the 11th over, chasing a daunting target.

The all-rounder's 23-ball 65 should have gladdened the team management, which had experimented a bit in that game.

Focus on Samson

This is of course the one last chance for both the teams to experiment, and to fine-tune their ideal eleven for the World Cup.

For someone like Sanju Samson, this is even more important as he didn't get going even once in his four visits to the middle.

And this is the hometown of the wicketkeeper-opener.

While the breathtaking display of clean hitting from the other end by Abhishek ensures the PowerPlay goes India's way more often than not, the team surely will want both the openers to fire in the World Cup.

As for Mitchell Santner's men, they would be keen to replicate their effort from the fourth game, which they won rather comfortably in the end – by 50 runs, thanks in no small measure to opener Tim Seifert's 36-ball 62.

It would be interesting to see if they try out the hard-hitting Finn Allen, who joined the squad on Thursday.

Teams (from): India: Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan, Shreyas Iyer, Rinku Singh, Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav, Varun Chakaravarthy and Ravi Bishnoi.
New Zealand: Mitchell Santner (Capt.), Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Jacob Duffy, Finn Allen, Zak Foulkes, Matt Henry, Kyle Jamieson, Bevon Jacobs, Daryl Mitchell, James Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Tim Seifert, Ish Sodhi and Lockie Ferguson.
Match starts at 7 p.m.

Kotak throws his weight behind Samson

P. K. Ajith Kumar
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Sanju Samson's lack of runs has been a talking point in the T20I series between India and New Zealand. His scores read 10, 6, 0 and 24. But India batting coach Sitanshu Kotak is not reading too much into Samson's recent form. "We all know what Sanju is capable of," Kotak said.

"He probably has not scored as many runs as everybody would have liked, but that's part of cricket. Sometimes, you have five innings in a row where you score so many runs, and sometimes, you go through a little rough period. So it's all up to an individual on how to keep his mind strong. Obviously, our job is to keep him in a good frame of mind. He practises and works hard," Kotak added.

About Abhishek Sharma's batting, Kotak said: "He plays a lot of shots, but his shots don't seem like slogging. When you are an aggressive batter, you are trying to play maximum shots on the merit of the ball."

QUICK SINGLES

Curran claims hat-trick as England beats Lanka

Sam Curran performed a hat-trick as England beat Sri Lanka by 11 runs under the DLS method in their rain-marred opening T20I in Pallekele on Friday. The left-arm seamer became the second Englishman after Chris Jordan to claim a hat-trick in T20Is as England bundled out Sri Lanka for 133 with four deliveries still left in the innings. England was 125 for four in 15 overs when rain stopped play with the visitor comfortably ahead of its target at that stage.

The scores: Sri Lanka 133 in 16.2 overs (Curran 3/38, Rashid 3/19) lost to England 125/4 in 15 overs (Salt 46) *by DLS Method.*

Curran. REUTERS

USA and UAE announce T20 WC squads

The USA and UAE announced their squads for the T20 World Cup on Friday.

The squads:
USA: Monank Patel (Capt.), Jessy Singh (Vice-capt.), Andries Gous, Shehan Jayasuriya, Milind Kumar, Shayan Jahangir, Saiteja Mukkamala, Sanjay Krishnamurthi, Harmeet Singh, Nosthush Kenjige, Shadley Van Schalkwyk, Saurabh Netravalkar, Ali Khan, Mohammad Mohsin and Shubham Ranjane.
UAE: Muhammad Waseem (Capt.), Alishan Sharafu, Aryansh Sharma, Dhruv Parashar, Haider Ali, Harshit Kaushik, Junaid Siddique, Mayank Kumar, Muhammad Arfan, Muhammad Farooq, Muhammad Jawadullah, Muhammad Zohaib, Rohid Khan, Sohaib Khan and Simranjeet Singh.

INBRIEF

Haryana women emerge National kabaddi champions

Haryana bagged the gold medal at the 72nd women's senior National kabaddi championship, beating defending champion Indian Railways 39-37 in a hard-fought final at the GMC Balayogi Stadium in Hyderabad on Friday. Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, the two losing semifinalists, took home the bronze medals.

ROUND-UP

Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidyamandir triumphs

Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidyamandir defeated The Sports School in the final to emerge as the B.T. Ramaiah Shield under-14 second division champion here.

The scores: Final: Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidyamandir 175 in 50 overs bt The Sports School 162 in 44.1 overs (Lakshit Kumar 60, Shravan Reddy 4/37).

Vijay takes the lead

Vijay Punjabi took the lead at the end of Round 2 of the K. Damodar & Co 10th Karnataka state tenpin bowling championship at Amoeba here. Punjabi (total pinfall 4,821) leads Akaash Ashok Kumar (4736) and Shanmugananda (4524).

Technico gets the better of Blitz

Technico FF edged out Blitz FC 2-1 in the BDFA 'A' division football league here on Friday.

The results: Technico FF bt Blitz FC 2-1; Bangalore Eagles FC bt DYES FC 4-0; BTM FC bt Roots FS 2-1.

LIVE TELECAST

Australian Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 & LIV, 6.30 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: JioHotstar, 8.45 a.m.
Men's U-19 World Cup: SS Select 2 & JioHotstar, 1 p.m.
India vs New Zealand: 5th T20I, Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 7 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 8.30, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Karnataka on course for first-innings lead but it may not be enough

Openers Rahul and Mayank put on a century partnership before the Punjab bowlers strike leaving Shreyas and Kruthik to stonewall

RANJI TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
MOHALI

At the end of another topsy-turvy day, Karnataka finished on 255 for six, in response to Punjab's 309, at the I.S. Bindra PCA Stadium here on Friday.

But to qualify for the 2025-26 Ranji Trophy knock-outs from Elite Group-B, Karnataka (21 points) needs more than just the first-innings lead, for Saurashtra (19) is on course for a big win over Chandigarh, and a result looks increasingly likely in the match involving Madhya Pradesh (22) and Maharashtra (24).

When K.L. Rahul (59, 87b, 9x4) and Mayank Agarwal (46, 64b, 6x4) were batting, the visitors looked very much like the men capable of forcing that result.

After pacer Vidyadhar Patil excised the last Punjab wicket in the very first over of the morning, Rahul and Mayank batted with conviction and ease.

There were the odd instances of the pair not picking arm balls from the left-arm spin duo of Harpreet Brar and Emanjot Chahal, but they were mostly comfortable. And it showed in the shots they played – pleasing drives, inch-perfect cuts and fierce straight hits after dancing down the track.

But two moments of brilliance from Punjab sent both batters back. First, Jashanpreet Singh at silly-point latched on to a full-blooded drive from Mayank before Harpreet executed a classic left-arm-er's dismissal by uprooting Rahul's middle-stump.

Post-lunch, Harpreet (four for 101) struck twice in quick succession, having skipper Devdutt Padikkal (9) caught at short-leg – the southpaw's third straight low score in whites – and trapping R. Smaran (9) leg-before.

Good knock: Rahul played some delightful strokes while notching up a half-century before he was done in by a Harpreet special. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Cross-batted slog

K.V. Aneesh, after having done all the hard work (32, 75b, 3x4), fell trying a cross-batted slog to leave Karnataka at 166 for five.

But the seasoned Shreyas Gopal (42 batting, 124b, 3x4) and debutant Kruthik Krishna (28, 83b, 2x4, 1x6) stonewalled to a faultless degree, coming together for 47 runs off 153 balls. The former then combined for 42 unbroken runs with Vidyadhar, a partnership the eight-time champion would want to grow beyond Punjab's reach.

The scores: Punjab — 1st innings: Abhijeet Garg c Rahul b Shreyas 81, Prabhsimran Singh c Shikhar b Vidyadhar 5, Uday Saharan c Rahul b Mohsin 44, Jashanpreet Singh c Mohsin b Shreyas 6, Anmolpreet Singh b Shreyas 0, Anmol Malhotra c Kruthik b Vidyadhar 25, Emanjot Singh Chahal c Padikkal b Vidyadhar 83, Ayush Goyal st. Kruthik b Mohsin 23, Harpreet Brar c Kruthik b Vidyadhar 9, Sukhdeep Bajwa b Prasidh 20, Anmoljeet Singh (not out) 0; Extras: (lb-12, w-1): 13; Total (in 92 overs): 309.

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-108, 3-119, 4-119, 5-168, 6-168, 7-249, 8-272, 9-301.

Karnataka bowling: Prasidh 14-1-58-1, Vidyadhar 16-4-52-4, Shikhar 15-2-54-0, Mohsin 25-0-85-2, Shreyas 22-6-48-3.

Karnataka — 1st innings: K.L. Rahul b Harpreet 59, Mayank Agarwal c Jashanpreet b Emanjot 46, K.V. Aneesh c Prabhsimran b Harpreet 32, Devdutt Padikkal c Jashanpreet b Harpreet 9, R. Smaran lbw b Harpreet 9, Shreyas Gopal (batting) 42, Kruthik Krishna lbw b Bajwa 28, Vidyadhar Patil (batting) 23; Extras: (b-2, lb-5): 7; Total (for six wkts. in 87 overs): 255.

Fall of wickets: 1-102, 2-119, 3-137, 4-151, 5-166, 6-213.

Punjab bowling: Goyal 3-1-8-0, Bajwa 10-6-22-1, Harpreet 27-3-101-4, Emanjot 23-6-55-1, Anmoljeet 23-5-55-0, Saharan 1-0-7-0.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES — SEVENTH ROUND, DAY TWO

Elite: Group A: At Sovima: Nagaland 366 in 108.3 overs (Dega Nischal 74, Chetan Bist 189, Nagaho Chishi 43) vs. Andhra 267/5 in 70 overs (Abhishek Reddy 51, Ricky Bhui 46, Karan Shinde 51, C.R. Gnaneshwar 87 batting, Vino Zhimomi 4/45).

At Jamshedpur: Odisha 282 in 104.5 overs (Swastik Samal 79, Govinda Poddar 64) vs. Jharkhand 244/6 in 67 overs (Shikhar Mohan 80, Kumar Kushagra 47).

At Salem: Baroda 375 in 141.3 overs (Sukirt Pandey 84, Ninad Rathva 66, Atit Sheth 109, Akshay More 40, J. Hemchudeshan 6/120, Sai Kishore 4/90) vs. Tamil Nadu 118 for no loss in 36 overs (S.R. Athish 42 batting, Vimal Khumar 66 batting).

At Nagpur: Uttar Pradesh 237 & 75/2 in 23 overs vs. Vidarbha 237 in 63 overs (Danish Malewar 80, Nachiket Bhute 63, Shivam Mavi 7/59).

Group B: At Indore: Madhya Pradesh 187 & 166/4 in 47 overs (Shubham Sharma 55 batting, Venkatesh Iyer 60) vs. Maharashtra 179 in 54.3 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 46, Kumar Katikeya 6/33).

U.P. pacer Shivam Mavi claimed7/59 against Vidarbha. PTI

At Chandigarh: Chandigarh 136 & 31 for no loss in 9 overs vs. Saurashtra 453/3 decl. in 106.1 overs (Harvik Desai 200 n.o., Jay Gohil 98, Arpit Vasavada 96).

At Mohali: Punjab 309 in 92 overs (Abhijeet Garg 81, Uday Saharan 44, Emanjot Singh Chahal 83, Vidyadhar Patil 4/52) vs. Karnataka 255/6 in 87 overs (K.L. Rahul 59, Mayank Agarwal 46, Shreyas Gopal 42 batting, Harpreet Brar 4/101).

At Porvorim: Goa 355 in 110.4 overs (Suyash Prabhudessai 86, Yash Kasvankar 50, Samar Dubhashi 55 n.o., Ankit Sharma 6/115) vs. Kerala 237/2 in 58 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 132 batting).

Group C: At Agartala: Gujarat 352 in 115.4 overs (Manan Hingrajia 150 n.o., Jaymeet Patel 69, Priyesh Patel 52, Manisankar Murasingh 4/52) vs. Tripura 208/3 in 57 overs (Sridam Paul 69, Hanuma Vihari 40 batting, Vijay Shankar 51 batting).

At Delhi: Services 343 in 103.4 overs (Anshul Gupta 101 retd. hurt, Rajat Paliwal 41, Devender Lohchab 40, Nakul Sharma 89, Zubair Ali 4/63, Raj Choudhary 4/91) vs. Railways 168/6 in 40.4 overs (Ravi Singh 55, Zubair Ali 45 batting).

At Dehradun: Uttarakhand 460/7 decl. in 120 overs (Bhupen Lalwani 52, Kunal Chandela 207, Lakshya Raichandani 86) vs. Assam 91/4 in 52 overs.

At Rohtak: Bengal 193 in 72.3 overs (Sudip Chatterjee 86, Amit Rana 4/64) & 155/3 in 41 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 61 batting, Sudip Kumar Gharami 61) vs. Haryana 100 in 31.1 overs (Akash Deep 5/40, Shahbaz Ahmed 5/42).

Group D: At Nadaun: Himachal Pradesh 168 vs. Jammu & Kashmir 387/5 in 103 overs (Shubham Pundir 165, Paras Dogra 52, Abdul Samad 61, Kanhaiya Wadhawan 56 batting).

At Hyderabad: Chhattisgarh 283 vs. Hyderabad 415/4 in 105 overs (Aman Rao 52, Abhirath Reddy 121, K. Himateja 125 batting, Pragnay Reddy 52 batting).

At Mumbai: Delhi 221 vs. Mumbai 266/5 in 84 overs (Musheer Khan 57, Siddhesh Lad 102 batting, Suved Parkar 53 batting).

At Puducherry: Rajasthan 168 & 77/2 in 23.3 overs (Ramnivas Golada 47) vs. Pondicherry 349 in 93.2 overs (Neyan Shyam Kangayan 120, Aman Khan 118, Puneet Datey 45).

Three Indians among umpires for T20 WC

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Elite Panel umpire Nitin Menon will officiate in his fourth T20 World Cup, while fellow Indian K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan will make his debut in the ICC event beginning in India and Sri Lanka from February 7.

Menon, the only Indian in the ICC Elite Panel, had earlier officiated in the 2021, 2022 and 2024 editions of the T20 World Cup.

The third Indian in the list for match officials announced on Friday is J. Madanagopal who would be taking part in his second T20 showpiece.

In all, 24 officials will be on-field umpires during the group stage.

Umpires: Roland Black, Chris Brown, Kumar Dharmasena, Chris Gaffaney, Adrian Holdstock, Richard Illingworth, Richard Kettleborough, Wayne Knights, Donovan Koch, J. Madanagopal, Nitin Menon, Sam Nogajski, K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan, Allahuddien Paleker, Ahsan Raza, Leslie Reifer, Paul Reiffel, Langton Rusere, Sharfuddoula, Gazi Sohel, Rod Tucker, Alex Wharf, Raveendra Wimalasiri and Asif Yaqoob.

Match Referees: Dean Cosker, David Gilbert, Ranjan Madugalle, Andrew Pycroft, Richie Richardson and Javagal Srinath.